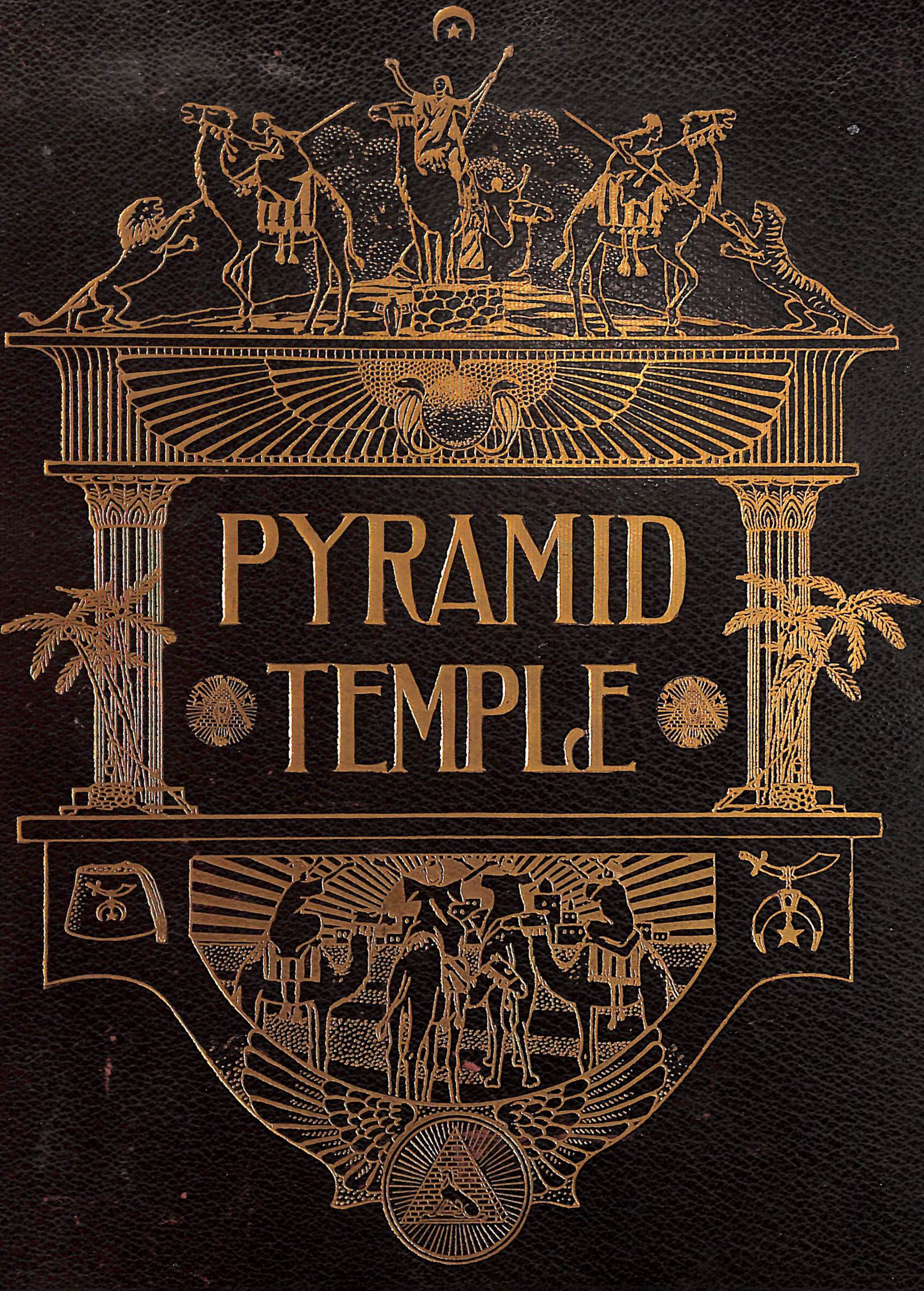

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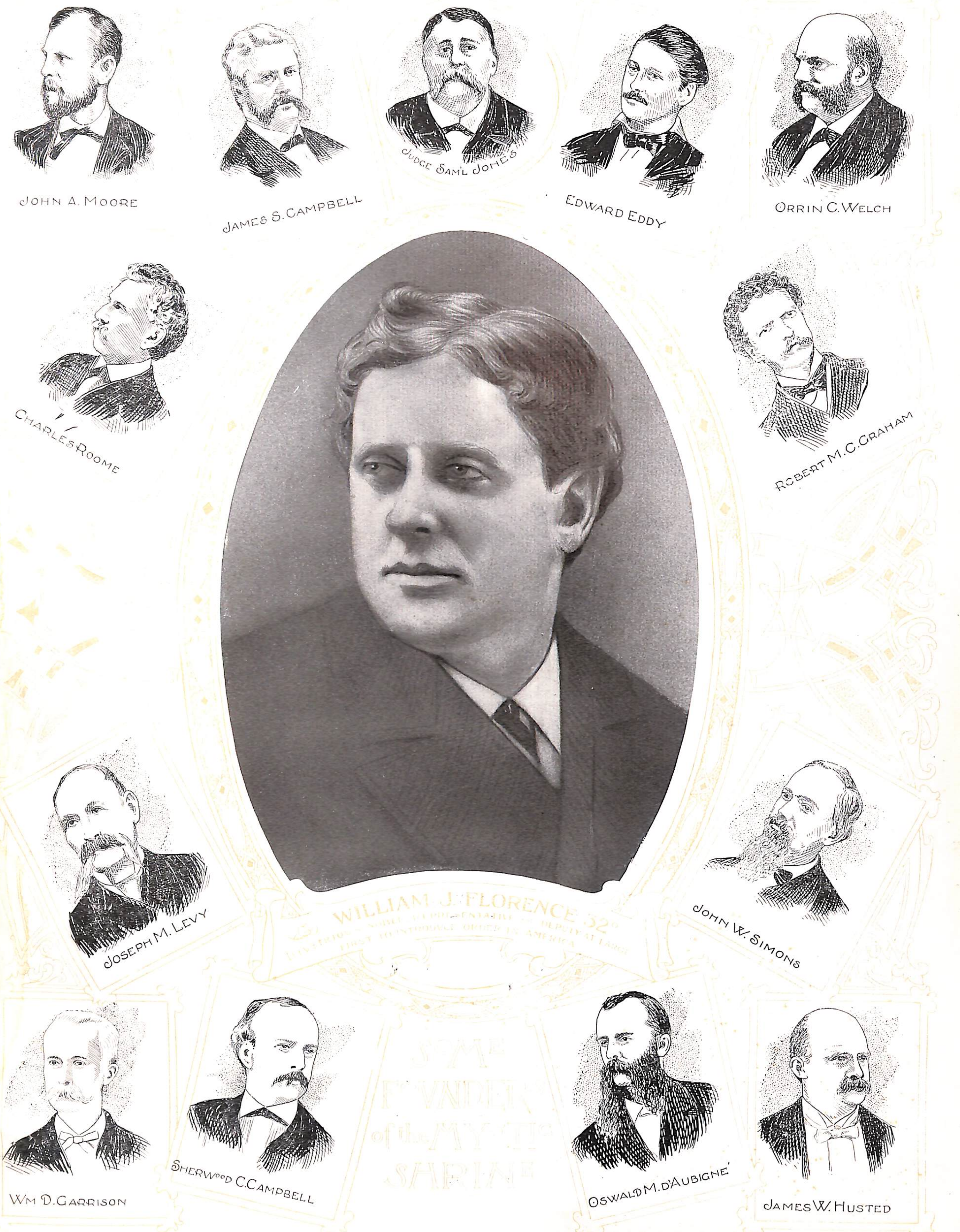

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FOREWORD

BACK through the days of the Middle Ages and into the early Christian period runs the history of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The shores of the Mediterranean gave this Order birth and fostered it for thirteen hundred years. There it prospers as of old, but now serving largely a different purpose. Originally used for the propagation of the Moslem faith and to aid in the enforcement of the laws, rendering justice where the usual means were too slow or too uncertain, the Order of to-day — the Order as we know it in this country — practices the virtues of Charity and Brotherly Love. No longer Moslem, nor yet Christian, it is builded upon the broader plane that receives all men alike if they believe in a Deity and are of a character such as will pass the strict qualification for membership.

The modern Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine insists upon the highest Masonic qualification, thus insuring that none but men of unquestioned character may cross its portals, but the ancient Order required a firm belief in the teachings of the Prophet Mohammed and obeisance to Allah.

Founded at Mecca, in Arabia, in 644 A. D., the Order spread through Arabia, Syria, into Egypt, Morocco, and other countries bordering on the southern shores of the Mediterranean. It was carried into Italy in 1698, to Bavaria, and thence to Germany and England in 1776, but was not fully established in the United States until 1872.

William J. Florence, the noted American comedian, first received the Order in France, afterwards gaining further instruction in Egypt; and he was responsible for its introduction into this country, aided by Dr. Walter M. Fleming of New York City, who received lawful warrant through English sources, and by Albert L. Rawson, a scholar of Arabic, to whose patient labors in translating the ritual and in gathering together the threads of the several branches of the Order in the Orient, much is due.

Mecca Temple was formed in New York September 26, 1872, and the Imperial Council was formed in New York June 6, 1876, but it was not until ten years after the formation of the Imperial Council that the Order began its real growth. It met with many obstacles and with much prejudice. Many men high in Masonry opposed it, fearing it would be to the detriment of Masonry, to which nothing can be added or taken away. In time, however, they saw that the Order had nothing to do with Masonry except the very high compliment it paid the Ancient and Accepted Order of receiving only its most honored members; but finally they were to admit that the Order of the Mystic Shrine was a monument to Masonry.

In these pages will be found a summary of the development of the Noble Order, briefly hinting at some of the early troubles, and relating the advance of the organization, step by step, down to the present year, when the Order in North America and Hawaii and Mexico comprises 149,151 Nobles and 121 Temples.

Noble Florence lived to see the Order firmly established, and in his travels throughout the country did a great work in spreading its beauties and creating an interest. Dr. Fleming devoted fourteen years of his life to carrying on the burden of organization, and then retired with well-earned laurels to take a seat in the Directory. He still lives, honored and respected, well content to let the labor of the day fall on younger shoulders. In every Oasis he is revered; and his many years of untiring effort to save the Order, at a time when it seemed impossible for it to overcome the prejudice formed against it, are now regarded by all as a debt that can never be repaid.

The history of Pyramid Temple from the date of its formation, April 18, 1877, down to the present time may be said to be almost synonymous with the history of Bridgeport for the same period. If one searches the files of the local newspapers and the current history of the city during that time, he will find that the same persons who have been active in the upbuilding of the city and the community have been largely those who have been responsible for the development of the Shrine.

The qualifications for membership in the Shrine, being either a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason or a Knight Templar in good standing, assure an association of men of the highest type and caliber, — men who have been subjected to the rigorous tests of all the degrees of Masonry, principal among which are character, respect for the laws of the country and the city, integrity, right living, and all that goes to make up good citizenship.

Masonry everywhere stands for the best that can be found, and the qualifications are more strict as one advances to the higher degrees. A Noble of the Mystic Shrine, therefore, is an elect of the elect, and those who have become votaries of the Temple may be assumed as a class to represent the highest citizenship of the community in which they reside. Its members are not chosen because of their wealth or standing, — rank and title are unknown in Masonry. Its membership is not sought, — Masons are a voluntary association of men, who, seeing the good work that Masonry has done and is doing, are glad to petition for association with it.

It is from such a qualification, therefore, that the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are drawn, and in rising to the degree of a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret or to the Order of the Temple their lives and actions are subjected to the closest scrutiny of those having responsibility for the high class of the Order; and the selection of members of the Order of the Mystic Shrine comes only from among that select body of men whose private life and whose conduct during their advancement in Masonry have been known to the Nobles to whom they petition for association.

It may be assumed, therefore, that the title "Noble" is one not to be regarded lightly, but to be guarded zealously.

Every Noble is a God-fearing man. Except he believe in God he could not have become a Freemason, and the Knights Templar require a firm belief in the Christian religion. In the Scottish Rite a belief in God is indispensable.

The Nobles of the Mystic Shrine admit Christian, Jew, and Mohammedan alike, for each of these believes in a Deity; but unless he has met the strict test necessary for Masonic qualification it is useless for him to petition for membership among the Nobility.

So, let it be understood that the members of the local temple are men of high standing among their fellow men, just and upright before the world, having due respect for the will of God and the constitutional authorities of the country in which they reside, ever sworn to uphold its laws, and to render aid in their support whenever necessary.

From a modest start a third of a century ago, the members of the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine have builded well, rearing a structure which is an ornament to the community and which commands the respect of all classes and creeds. The best blood, the highest type of citizenship, have been slowly but surely welded into one mass, having for its object the upholding of the highest principles of life and living.

Charity is one of the chief attributes of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, — not the charity that comes at the last moment, though this is ever forthcoming when necessary, but rather that charity of brotherly love and affection which places a hand at the back of the weak and falling, instead of waiting until the weight of grief or sorrow or misfortune has dragged the struggling brother to the ground. It is that unseen charity — of love, of encouragement, of sympathy — that keeps its members buoyant and self-spirited, meeting trouble with fearless heart, surmounting difficulties before they become obstacles.

It is men of such courage, such spirit, who comprise the local Temple,—men who have been taught that a trust in God and the mighty doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man are what make citizens of the highest type self-reliant and a credit to the community.

All honor, therefore, to the members of Pyramid Temple. Their name and fame have spread far beyond the boundaries of city or state. They are beloved and respected at home, yet they are received warmly in any part of this broad domain, for their good works have caused their fame to travel far and wide.

Look about among the most active persons concerned in the local institutions, in the state and city government, in the walks of trade and business, in the churches and the institutions of learning and enlightenment, and see how closely allied is the membership of Pyramid Temple with the leading spirits of Bridgeport. This is written in no boastful mood, but because the members are worthy of recognition, and have received recognition, not through influence, but through their own initiative as public-spirited and upright citizens.

Is it any wonder, then, that the Order has prospered? Is it any wonder that the local Temple has become known and respected of all men? Therefore, in dealing with the history and development of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine it is fitting and meet that in this volume credit should be given those men who have brought the Order to such a high standing in Bridgeport; and the following brief history of the local temple gives credit to those who in the succeeding years have devoted their time and energy to the Order, at the same time keeping pace in the city and state with the most progressive and enlightened citizens.

While their work has been and always will be serious, it is the popular impression — given out by the Shriners themselves — that the work is nothing but joviality. Perhaps this impression may have caused the Order to be regarded as a vast playground, but a smile often cloaks the most serious work. It is said by a wag that "a tombstone always has a good word to say of a man when he is down," — but how useless it is then! It may be that these Nobles, with their blaring trumpets, their camel rides, and their outward foolishness, may be masking deeds of noblest import. As the poet has written,—

"Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone."

If these Nobles have made life more cheerful, if they have given pleasure to their fellow men, then have they helped them in the preparation for that life to come, in that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

A little pebble thrown into a pond is felt throughout its length and breadth, creating motion where all was stillness, and as motion enlivens, purifies, and brings good within the reach of all. Such is the mission of this book.

Noble Band of Brothers, thy destined way pursue,
With one and steady aim, the good, the pure, the true,
Bind faithful, loyal hearts in union close and strong,
By ties unseen yet felt, in standing 'gainst the wrong.
As looking in a glass, face answereth to face,
So every need is met by Omnipresent grace,
Each one finding in the Allness his completeness,
Thus in true fraternal spirit ever growing
Toward a state of glad and mutual affluence, showing
That we rise together, and so united, stand,
Ever coming nearer the Brotherhood of Man.

—M. E. H.

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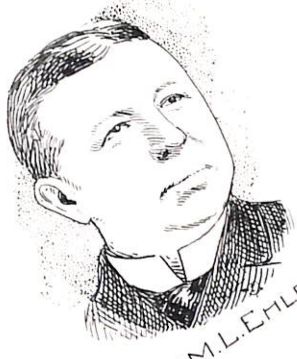
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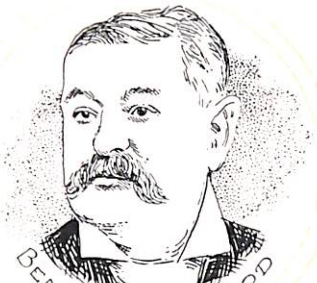
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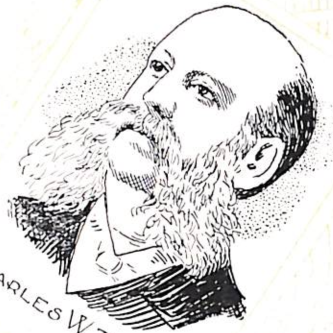
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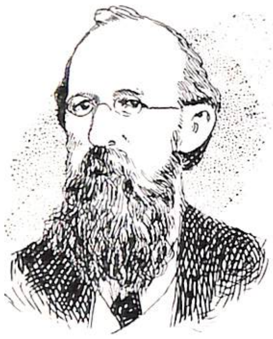
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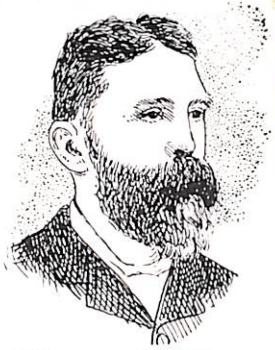
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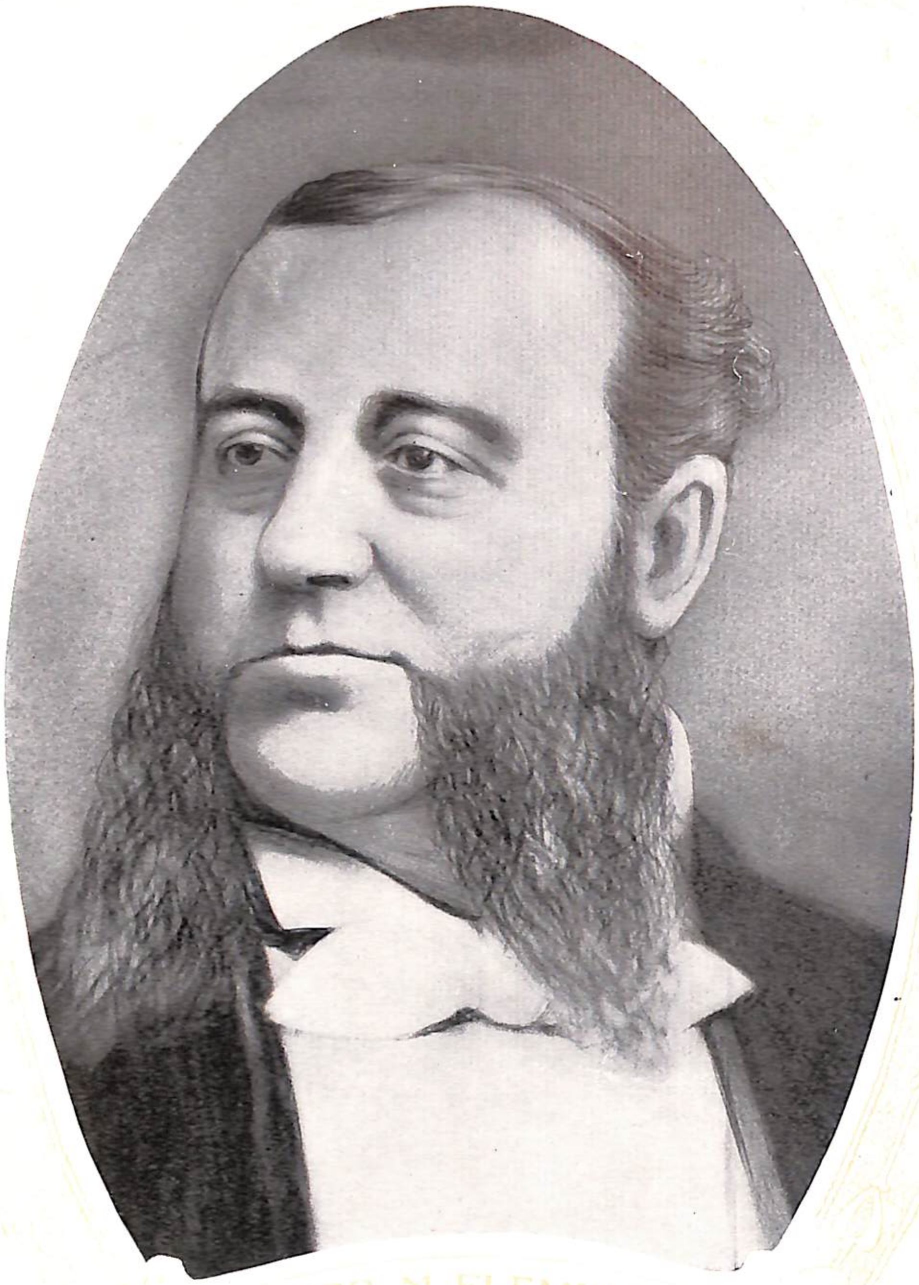
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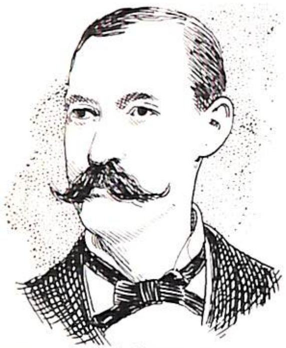
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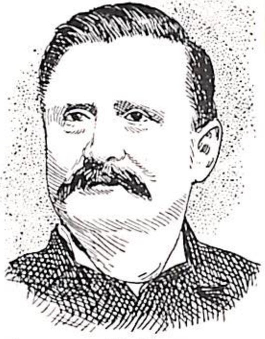
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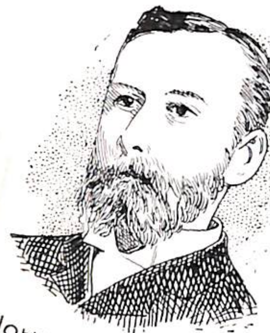
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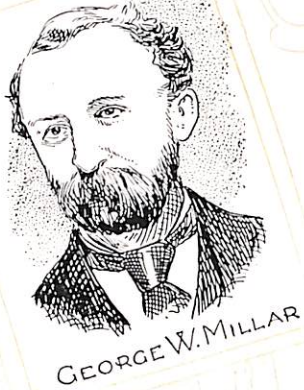
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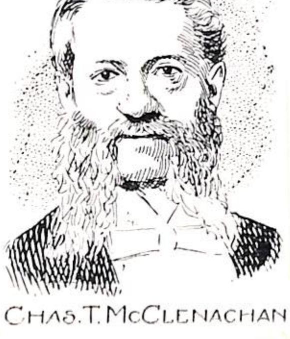
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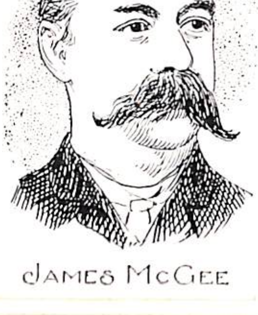
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HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER · NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

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"There is no god but God"

NO one who has studied closely the history of this noble Order will attempt to declare that its existence has been continuous since its inception in the year 644 of the Christian era, nor will any reasonable man attempt to show a Masonic qualification previous to the nineteenth century. There have been intervals upon which no historian has been able to throw any light, but that the Order has been continued and handed down from generation to generation there is no doubt. The great principles upon which it is founded are as necessary to life and happiness to-day as they were fourteen hundred and fifty-six years ago, when the laws of the land were not so rigorously enforced as now.

The Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in all ages—no less to-day than in the years when savage hordes roamed over the Arabian deserts, swooping down upon the scattered oases on missions of murder and robbery—have had valuable and mighty feats to perform. Strong organization was necessary then to hold these hordes in check; right living is necessary to-day to keep back outlaws of irreligion, of intolerance, of bigotry, and of excess.

The Noble Order stands for much—it stands for all that is good, for all that is honest, for all that is charitable, and for the better living of all God-fearing men, be they Jew, Christian, or Mohammedan.

Founded in Arabia in the seventh century, brought to Italy in the seventeenth, to Bavaria in the eighteenth, to England in 1860, and to the United States in 1870, the Order has had its greatest growth and its broadest development, since there was established for it a Masonic qualification of the highest degree. This high qualification was necessary in order that the great work of the Nobility, the imperishable and unwritten secret which it hands on to its initiates, might never fall into unworthy hands.

Others more able than the writer have delved into the Arabic, Latin, Italian, and French literature dealing with the history of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and from time to time, in various publications, parts of this history have been given. The present writer accepts much of this as authoritative, and borrows frequently from it, well knowing the thorough and earnest researches made by Nobles Florence, Fleming, Paterson, and others whose pilgrimages brought to light so much of the buried history of the noted order.

Many people there are, prominent in the world of business, keen and zealous in the work of Masonry, worshipers perhaps at the Mystic Shrine, who do not know the history of the Order and of its relation—not connection, mark you—to Masonry. This, then, is the object of this work, and if the work is successful in this respect, then have a Masonic obligation and a Noble's duty been performed.

It is a task much easier promised than performed. Like some of the degrees of Masonry which are lost in their antiquity, many of the traditions of the Order of the Mystic Shrine lay buried for centuries in the sand-swept deserts of Arabia.

In character, the Order of the Mystic Shrine may be said to be the broad plane of religion and the enforcement of the laws, whether based upon the Koran, the Books of Moses, or the Scriptures of the Christian Apostles. An essential qualification for membership in this Order is a broad and tolerant mind. That Noble who believes in a Supreme and Unseen Being is never required to give any definition of that belief. If he believes, that is sufficient. By what name he calls his God we question not. By many names has He been known to the people of Israel alone, but by all, in every clime, accepted as the Ruler of our destiny.

The Order of the Mystic Shrine was founded when the Mohammedan Kalif Alee, cousin-german and son-in-law of the Prophet Mohammed himself, conceived the idea of a superior court. This was at Mecca, and in the year of the Hegira 25 (A. D. 644). Strictly Arabian in its composition, this court was to deal out justice to violators of the law where the ordinary process would not reach, to break down corrupt influence, to form respect for and support of the law, to be an inquisition,—a vigilance committee, if you will,—the founders of the Unwritten Law. But mistake not the work of this noble order. Its work has always been for good. Its labors have been as secret as they were silent and swift, but at all times effective. Might no longer triumphed over right. Malefactors, despots, brigands, corrupt officials—all soon began to feel the influence of the secret court. If a man was accused, he was brought at once before this mysterious court. Upon a valid accusation he was tried within the hour, and justice was swift and terrible. But if a man was unjustly accused, woe be to the accuser, for the men who sat on the court were chosen first for their broadness of mind, their fair dealing, and their toleration. Wealth, influence, rank, or title could not buy them, nor were they known outside their secret rendezvous. Always was their work for good—and may Allah be praised!

The Order grew, and numbered among its votaries men of rank, of culture, of refinement, of dignity. Despotism slowly but surely began to wane, and the wave of enlightenment steadily swept around the world. The decline of feudal despotism, of bloody and senseless strife, throughout all Europe and Asia during the Middle Ages, may be attributed to the work of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for their work was emulated. Monarchs bowed to their mandates, thrones trembled at their swift and unerring judgment, religious bigots stood aghast, murder and petty crimes decreased.

The superstition of the ages, the gloom of intolerance and unbelief, the veil of religious sham, all were slowly dispelled by the advancing strength and power of the Mystic Order. Followers of Mohammed? Yes, and Allah be praised! For while this Prophet established himself by the sword, he was never harsh or cruel. As an eminent writer has said:

"While we freely concede that it [the Mohammedan religion] was established by the sword, it is equally certain that when the Christian nations of Northern Europe were plunged in the gloom of superstition, the dark corners of civilization were being lighted by the torch of the Mohammedan Moors of Granada. The arts of peace there flourished in all their beauty and grandeur. If the Alexandrian Library was burned by the order of a fanatical Kalif, that offense against culture and learning was largely atoned in the succeeding years. On the contrary, the followers of Mohammed endeavored to establish justice and advance the cause of learning and humanity. This change of heart among the leaders of Islam was due to the influence of the Mystic Shrine. It was this that softened the clash of contending armies and often stayed the descending sword. Civilization advanced with mighty strides, and where the Mystic Shrine was strongest, there the arts of peace advanced most rapidly. This service to the cause of humanity and civilization we can never overestimate, nor cease to be grateful over its results. The writer of the present, as well as the historian of the future, must accord to this organization the full meed of praise. The sight of fraternal acts of kindness on the bloody field of battle was calculated to soften the hardness of the human heart and lift the minds of men up to nobler deeds. In the far countries of the East the torch of fanaticism became dim, while in Christian lands the animosities of religious and social hatred were tempered by a more kindly spirit."

The Order of the Mystic Shrine, though its character is altered by the advance of civilization, is still one of the most highly favored of the many that abound in the Orient. As at the outset, it continues to gather into its membership men of thought, of culture, of toleration, and of justice. Christians became identified with the Order, and likewise Jews. Its field as well as its fame soon spread out from under the Star and Crescent. Allah and the God of Isaac and of Jacob were worshiped from the same altars. The real secret and purpose of the Order reconciled Moslem, Israelite, and Christian,—made them feel that there is a greater, a wider, a purer, a nobler religion beyond the reach of any creed. Greek and Turk, enemies in many wars; Arab and Egyptian, feudal combatants down the centuries; Persian and Syrian—the best blood of many nations—came under its growing and enlightening influence. The character and the vitality of its work remained, but the method of application was changed. No longer does it preach only the tenets of Islam, nor yet does it in any clime insist upon the doctrines of Christ. In every nation it is the same,—growing, expanding, building up all it touches to a higher and better sphere.

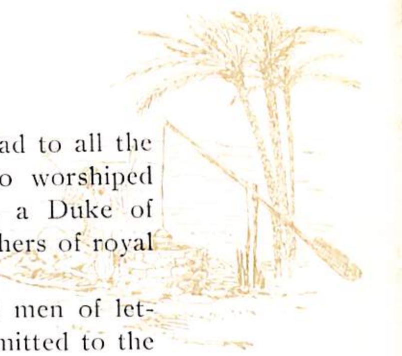
Even the wars of the Crusaders met the softening and soothing influences of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. When the great Saladin had conquered and captured the city of Jerusalem, his first order was that no unnecessary blood be shed; the same orders were given by Richard Cœur de Lion, and these exist to-day in the secret archives of the Order.

Some persons have attempted to connect the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine with some of the orders of the Dervishes, but the only one at all concerned is that known as the Bektash. It was this fighting sect which protected the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at a time of great peril, and whose members have ever since been counted among its most honored patrons. Bektash was a man in the army of Sultan Amurath I, the first Mohammedan to lead an army into Europe, in the year of the Hegira 761 (A. D. 1360). It was Bektash who established the ceremony of kissing the sleeve. The branches of the Bektash Dervishes are scattered over many parts of the Orient, but all sects are represented at Mecca during the annual meeting at the time of the pilgrimage. The representative of the Bektash at Mecca is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and is the chief officer of the Alee Temple. In 1877 he was the chief of the Order in Arabia. The chief must, under the law of the Order, reside either at Mecca or Medina, and must be present either in person or by deputy during the month of the pilgrimage at Mecca.

The deputy from the Egyptian Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is also present at Mecca during the month of pilgrimage, but the Egyptian Order is otherwise distinct. The separation dates from the expedition of the Ibraheem Pasha, son of Mohammed Alee, the Pasha of Egypt at the time of the overthrow of the Wahabees in 1818. These latter are a most fanatical sect, but since they live to themselves they are no longer bothered by the Egyptian government. They denounce other sects, and by so doing are themselves denounced, for it was said by the Prophet Mohammed, "He who casts upon a believer the slur of infidelity is himself an infidel."

"The interior belongs to God alone," is another of the sayings of the Prophet. Therefore all Mohammedans respect and welcome every one who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca and who has repeated the creed, "There is no God but Allah"; for if a man believes in God it matters not what name a sect or tongue has given Him. Therefore it is that the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are tolerant, broad, and far-reaching, for any man may worship at their shrine who believes in the existence of a Deity.

As has been stated, the history of the Order in Arabia, in Egypt, in Persia, and in Turkey is incomplete. The work was interrupted by numerous revolutions, and for many years it lay



dormant. From time to time, however, it was revived, and doubtless the secrets of the Order were handed down through a few Nobles during those intervals, for we find that when occasion arose, the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine were in evidence to carry out the unwritten law, in co-operation with the Written Law, or Koran. In the year 804 A. D., during a warlike expedition against the Byzantine Emperor Nikephorus, a famous Arabian Kalif named Haroon ar-Rasheed, deputed Abd-el-Kader el-Bagdadee, a renowned scholar, to proceed to Aleppo, in Syria, there to found a college for the propagation of the religion of the Prophet Mohammed. The college prospered, and the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine became a strong lever as a means of civilization and moral advancement.

Another notable revival, both at Aleppo and Mecca, occurred in the year A. D. 1698 (A. H. 1110), and at Cairo in the year A. D. 1837 (A. H. 1253), when the Khedive of Egypt recognized and encouraged the Order as a powerful means of civilization.

One of the notable patrons of the Order in Arabia was the Iman or Shayk (Sheik), Abu il-Barakat Abd-Ullh Ibn Ahmad Alnasafi, a scholar known by the title of Hafizuddeen, who died in the year of the Hegira 731 (A. D. 1330). This poet is greatly admired by the Arabic writers of the period for his example of manly virtue and his work as a teacher and guardian of the Order of the Mystic Shrine. In Persia also is the poet Hafiz honored, and while his writings have been condemned by some Mohammedans as too suggestive, those who have received the mysteries of the Order of the Mystic Shrine are able intelligently to read and see the true beauties of his verse and thought.

It is also recorded that the Order was revived at Bagdad in the year of the Hegira 555 (A. D. 1160), by Abd-el-Kader Ghilanee, a Persian of note and a doctor of the Sufi sect.

The Order has continued in Arabia and in Egypt down to the present day, and in 1698 was brought to Italy. Lodovico Marracci, the renowned Orientalist, who was engaged upon his great works, "The Koran in Latin" and "The Bible in Arabic," and who lived at Padua, Italy, was initiated into the Order in Arabia and translated the ritual into Italian. Heretofore it had always been in Arabic. The result was the formation of the "Carbonari," and as Noble Benjamin W. Rowell has written on this subject, "The very existence of the Italian unity and liberty depended largely on the Nobles, who were represented by Count Cavour, Mazzini, Garibaldi, and the king, Victor Emanuel."

Marracci was the confessor of Pope Innocent XI, yet he was censured by the College of the Propaganda at Rome for having aided and abetted the work of a secret society, and the book he had written was ordered to be burned. However, some copies were saved, and one is still preserved in the library of the synagogue which stands just inside the ancient Roman gate of the city of Babylon, known by the Arabs in the Middle Ages as Fostat, and now called Old Cairo.

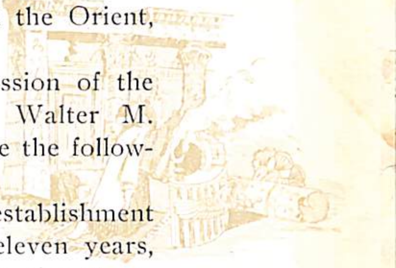
In time the Order spread to Bavaria, and it was there, on May 1, 1776, that Herr Adam Weishaupt, a Rosicrucian (Red Cross Mystic) and professor of law in the University of Ingolstadt, revived the Order. He called around him a number of minds brilliant and cultured, and the Order exercised a notable influence before and during the French Revolution. They were known as the Illuminati, and professed to be teachers of philosophy, but they set forth from their Temple of the Mystic Shrine a shaft of influence and of enlightenment, stating again, often in new form, all the teachings of Aristotle, Pythagoras, Plato, Confucius, and others. From Ingolstadt the Order spread to all the countries of Europe, and among the notables who worshiped at its shrine were Frederick the Great, Mirabeau, a Duke of Orleans, Goethe, Spinoza, Kant, Lord Bacon, and others of royal or noble birth, of fame in science or philosophy.

Although Lord Bacon and other noted English men of letters and influence of the eighteenth century were admitted to the mysteries of the Shrine, there is no record of the ritual of the Order having been brought to England previous to 1860, when a copy of the original ritual, written in Arabic, found preserved in the archives of the Order at Aleppo, in Syria, was brought to London by Rizk Allah Hassoon Effendee, author of some notable works in Arabic, including a metrical version of the Book of Job and a history of Islam. This latter so offended the Turkish government, because of its advancement of humanitarian principles, that Hassoon was compelled to flee, bringing with him the ritual of the Order, which he found time to improve in diction and in beauty without altering in any way its essential principles.

The present ritual as used in the United States of America is a careful translation, brought into perfect harmony and rendered as smooth as possible through the works of Alnasafi, Marracci, and Hassoon. Those who have closely studied the ritual of the Order will see how carefully all the old lessons have been preserved and written, and yet how aptly they apply to the civilization of the present day.

Originally requiring a belief in the religion of Mohammed, the writers of various countries have found and agreed that the application was local in the Moslem religion. The idea of the founders and perpetuators was to accept all men who believed in a Deity, whether they called Him by the name Allah, God, Yah, Jehovah, or by a name even too sacred to be pronounced more than once, and then only amidst the peals of mighty thunder, as written in the Jewish testament.

Credit for the introduction and spread of the Order in the United States is due to the comedian and actor, William J. Florence, who some years since entered the Unseen Temple, and to Dr. Walter M. Fleming, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction, who received his authority and instructions from Rizk Allah Hassoon Effendee. It was Dr. Fleming who was given competent jurisdiction by Hassoon, and it was Noble Florence who, having received the mysteries of the Order in the Orient, brought them to this country.



In his annual address at the eighth annual session of the Imperial Council in New York, June 7, 1882, Dr. Walter M. Fleming, the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, made the following reference:

"The history of the expense and outlay for the establishment and continuance of our Order, since 1871, about eleven years, has been no small task or sacrifice. This has fallen almost entirely upon your presiding officer, and no insignificant amount also upon our Illustrious Noble and Deputy, and, I may say, instigator of the project, William J. Florence. A vote of thanks, therefore, is eminently due Noble Florence for his interest in, tenacity to, and sacrifices for the Mystic Shrine, being first to bring it to available disposal."

The Committee on the Transactions of Grand Officers, in its report on the address, said:

"Your committee, in considering the commendations contained in the address as applied to one whom we might almost

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deem the founder of the Order, at least in this country, Noble William J. Florence, join in great sincerity in wishing to pay just homage. Your committee cannot but think, in the matter of the introduction of this Order, Noble Florence 'built much better than he knew,' and, independent of any action on our part, the reward will be in the gratification and satisfaction he must enjoy in witnessing the unprecedented success of this Institution, far beyond his utmost hopes. The committee are satisfied that the future will crown his early efforts, and render greater happiness than were we to weave a chaplet with precious gems and set them on his brow."

Noble William J. Florence's connection with the Order dates from 1870, when he was making an extensive tour of Europe and the Orient. In the year 1882 Noble Florence wrote the following account of how he became interested in and identified with the Order of Nobility:

"In September, 1870, I was in the city of Marseilles, France, and having occasion to call on Duncan, Sherman & Co., bankers, I was told by one of the gentlemanly clerks that there was to be a ceremony of unusually attractive character at a hall near the Grand Hotel de l'Univers, and knowing me to be a Mason, invited me to be present, offering to be my guide and voucher. My curiosity was excited by his glowing hints as to the Oriental wonders to be seen there. . . .

"Having been introduced into the ante-room of the hall in which the Mystic Shrine was concealed, I found a number of distinguished persons in animated conversation on the subject of our visit. One of these men was the British consul at that port, another the Austrian vice-consul, and there were dukes and counts, bankers and merchants, scholars and artists, musicians and other professionals, all of whom seemed absorbed in the question of how the French of Marseilles had succeeded in getting possession of such interesting secrets.

"The Illustrious Grand Potentate of the evening was the celebrated Yusef Churi Bey, and the Temple was called Bokhara Shrine.

"Shayk [Sheik] Yusef had visited Bokhara, where he was made a member of the Mystic Shrine in that famous city of the Persians, and brought away a hastily written sketch of the Ritual and laws of the Order. It would be impossible to give a complete narrative of the ceremonies of that communication of the Nobles of Bokhara Shrine, and I must content myself with a mere outline.

"The costumes were exact duplicates of Oriental patterns brought from Persia by Yusef Bey. In his long service as an attaché of the Persian consulate, he had seen many countries, and profited by studies and observations in each, and was therefore well-fitted to conduct such an institution.

"The furniture of the Temple was the most peculiar I ever saw, and must have been gotten up by some one well-skilled in stage scenery, for there were very well contrived dramatic effects, representing the sandy seashore, the rough, rocky hillside, the gloomy cavern, the solemn tomb, and a transformation scene which was at first a cemetery, full of tombs and monuments inscribed with the names of the departed, with epitaphs on their virtues and worth, when in an instant, the lights having been lowered, the scene changed to a sumptuous banqueting hall, with small tables for groups of three, five, seven, and nine.

"I need not describe the work of the Temple any further than to say that the intention is to enact a drama very much like our own, which had for its object the same lesson; and there can be no better or more zealous workers in a good cause than those French brothers who celebrated the Mysteries at Marseilles on that evening.

"My duties prevented a sufficiently long stay in Marseilles to witness a second performance, and I therefore begged Yusef Bey to allow me to have a copy of the Ritual and laws, which I received on the day I sailed for Algiers.

"In Algiers the Shrine of the Mogribins was in full operation, meeting each week, on Friday evening. Abu Mohammed Baki was the Shayk, and among the members were nearly every one of the many consuls, vice-consuls, and other diplomats of the port, many of the most noted merchants and bankers, and not a few of the learned and gifted Mohammedans, who are passionately fond of perpetuating ancient customs which increase their social pleasures.

"The Shrine is referred to by the Moslems generally as 'The Order of the Unwritten Law,' in distinction from the 'Written Law,' which is the Koran.

"The costumes and furniture of the Shrine in Algiers were gorgeous in silk, wool, and fine linen, decorated with embroidery in gold, silver, and colors; and the sword, spears, and other articles used by the guards and officers in the work were genuine steel, many of which had been in actual service in the field of battle."

It is related that the friendship formed between Noble Florence and Yusef Bey led to his presentation to the Sultan, who was the head of the Order in the East at that time. That potentate, also charmed with Noble Florence's manner and good fellowship, caused him to receive further mysteries at an Egyptian Temple in Cairo. There it was that he secured a copy of the ritual, which he had translated from Arabic into French, and then from the French into English, preserving as far as possible all the Oriental flavor of the original.

Noble Florence at no time claimed the entire credit for the introduction of the work into America, saying that while he was the first to bring a copy of the ritual to this country, Dr. Walter M. Fleming amplified and perfected the work. It was Dr. Fleming who compared and harmonized the various translations of the ritual, as already noted, and obtained competent authority from Hassoon Effendee for the conferring of the Order on the North American continent. Dr. Fleming contributes to the history of the Shrine the following bearing on the subject:

"Mr. Florence was entertained as a Mason at Marseilles, in Bokhara Temple of the Arabic Bektash. He at this time simply witnessed the opening session of the exoteric ceremonials which characterize the politico-religious order of Bektash of Oriental Europe. A monitorial, historic, and explanatory manuscript he also received there. It did not embrace the esoteric, Inner Temple exemplification or obligation, nor the 'Unwritten Law,' which is never imparted to any one except from mouth to ear. Shortly afterwards Mr. Florence was similarly favored in Algiers and Aleppo. Through letters and commendations he finally secured the manuscript monitor, history, and descriptive matter from which sprang the Order in this country. It was in Algiers and Aleppo that he was received into the Inner Temple, under the domain of the Crescent, and first became possessor of the esoteric work, the 'Unwritten Law,' and the Shayk's obligation. Subsequently he visited Cairo, Egypt, and was admitted, and collected more of Oriental history and the manuscript of 'Memorial Cere-

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monials.' But Mr. Florence was never fully recognized or possessed of authority until long after his return to America. All he possessed was a disconnected series of sheets in Arabic and French, with some marginal memoranda made by himself from verbal elucidation in Aleppo. Through Professor Albert L. Rawson, these, with others received afterwards through correspondence abroad, comprised the translations from which the Order started here. Mr. Florence and Dr. Walter M. Fleming received authority to introduce the Order into America."

The ritual is known in Arabia as "The Pillar of Society," which is an honorary title given only to persons of very great distinction in the service of truth, justice, and mercy, and the support of learning and culture, and was by courtesy attached to this work as originally written by the Persian poet, the renowned Alnasafi el Hafiz.

The constitutional authority for promulgating the principles and protection of the Order was confided to Dr. Walter M. Fleming, 33°, and his associates,—A. L. Rawson, 32°; William J. Florence, 32°; Edward Eddy, 33°; Daniel Sickels, 33°; Charles T. McClenachan, 33°; John W. Simons, 33°; Albert P. Moriarty, 33°; Aaron L. Northrop, 33°; Sherwood C. Campbell, 32°; James S. Chappell, 32°; Oswald Merle D'Aubigné, 32°; John A. Moore, 32°; George W. Millar, 33°; William S. Paterson, 32°;—all prominent Scottish Rite Masons and Knights Templar, who instituted the first temple of the Order in New York City under the title of "Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

DR. FLEMING'S HISTORY OF THE ORDER

In his annual address, delivered at the session of the Imperial Grand Council, February 6, 1877, the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, Dr. Walter M. Fleming, gave the following history of the introduction of the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine into the Western Hemisphere:

"It is some five years or more since I came into possession of detached and mutilated sections of the translation of the ritual of the Arabic and Egyptian Order of the Mystic Shrine, brought to America by one of the foreign members and representatives, through the hands of Illustrious Brother Oswald Merle D'Aubigné, 32°. It was exceedingly imperfect and incomplete, and to a great extent badly translated and filled with unintelligible symbolisms. Another portion was brought from Oriental Europe by Illustrious Brother William J. Florence, 32°, and some of the vague history and ritualistic sections were brought from Cairo, Egypt, by Illustrious Brother Sherwood C. Campbell, 32°. Those portions in the possession of Brother Florence were marked, and referred to certain sections of the Koran for notes and allusions, which greatly facilitated the compiling and revising of the Ritual to its present completion.

"This was a task of no small magnitude, and was undertaken and completed through the efforts of Brother Florence and myself, aided by a professional linguist and Arabic scholar.

"The Order was conferred upon several illustrious thirty-seconds and thirty-thirds of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry, and Knights Templar, in the city of New York, on June 16, 1871, as follows, including Brother Florence and myself:

Sherwood C. Campbell
James S. Chappell
Oswald Merle D'Aubigné
Edward Eddy
Charles T. McClenachan
George W. Millar
John A. Moore
Albert P. Moriarty
William S. Paterson
Daniel Sickels
John W. Simons

"On September 26, 1872, these thirteen Nobles organized the first Temple of the Order in the United States, and designated it Mecca Temple, of New York.

"The Order then remained quiet and inactive until within the past year or more, when, on the return of Brother Florence from Europe, where he had witnessed the work exemplified in the most impressive form, he was exceedingly enthusiastic to promote the promulgation of the Order.

"Owing to the death of four of the original members, little or nothing was done with it until 1875. It was decided then, by the proper authorities here, to select a certain number of reliable and prominent Thirty-third Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, when the Supreme Council, A. A. S. Rite, should meet in August, 1876, in the city of New York, to confer the Order upon them, as well as upon some worthy Knights Templar, and invest them with the rights, privileges, and prerogatives of Past Potentates, or past presiding officers of Temples, for the purpose of advancing the interests of the Order, and the establishment of subordinate Temples."

The Illustrious Grand Potentate then enumerates the Illustrious Brethren upon whom the Order was conferred in due form, whose names have already been given at the outset of the history of the Imperial Grand Council. The Illustrious Grand Potentate then reviews the session of the Imperial Grand Council held in New York, and continues:

"The original plate engravings for the production of Dispensations, Charters, and Diplomas of the Imperial Grand Council were executed in Paris, France, and the designs were taken from the arches and gateways of the Egyptian Temple of the Sun. The printing and colored transfers were perfected in the city of New York, where also the Statutes and Ritual were printed and the Grand Seal procured.

"Altogether, this work involved both a large expenditure and accruing indebtedness, a portion of which remains still unadjusted; but a few hundred dollars will place the Imperial Grand Council out of debt for the obligations of the past.

"The Diplomas of the Imperial Grand Council were placed at the small sum of two dollars, and each member was required to hold one. We find that the expense of them is nearly equal to the stipulated amount to be received by the Grand Council. Therefore the revenue from that source is not a very encouraging one; but when struck off in larger quantities hereafter, the expense will not be so great.

"The first Temple of the Order, outside of Mecca Temple, New York, was instituted in the city of Rochester, N. Y., on February 8, 1875, under the title of Damascus Temple; and great credit is due Illustrious Brother George F. Loder and his brother officers for its success, and it is now evidently in a thriving condition.

"Since that time, Dispensations have been granted to form the following Temples:

Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.
Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Mount Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt.
Naja Temple, Albany, N. Y.
Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y.

"There are negotiations, inquiries, and applications from all quarters in regard to dispensations."

Although Mecca Temple was established in 1872, Damascus Temple, of Rochester, N. Y., performed the first ceremonial working of the degree. However, it was not until 1879 that the active spread of the Order in the United States and on the continent of North America began.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction held its session in Cleveland that year, and Al Koran Temple of Cleveland, led by Illustrious Potentate Samuel Briggs, held a full ceremonial session, at which were present Nobles from Mecca and other temples. The visitors were so deeply impressed with the beauties of the ritual when rendered in dramatic form, with the costuming and other accessories, that many of the hidden beauties were brought forth into full bloom, instilling in the minds of all those who witnessed the ceremonial the desire to have the work equally as well done in their own temples.

Costumes, accessories, etc., were secured, rehearsals began, and in January, 1880, the first ceremonial session of Mecca Temple was held. Almost simultaneously Damascus of Rochester, Mount Sinai of Montpelier, Cyprus of Albany, Oriental of Troy, Syrian of Cincinnati, Pyramid of Bridgeport, Kaaba of Davenport, and Moslem of Detroit, entered upon careers of prosperity, and other temples were rapidly formed in all parts of the country.

HISTORY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES AS OFFICIALLY RECORDED BY THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

At the session of the Imperial Grand Council in New York, June 7, 1882, Noble Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, presented the following document, containing a translation into English by him of the transactions in relation to the Mystic Shrine as reported by the Grand Lodge of Berlin,* which was received, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

To the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for the United States of America:

The Order of the Mystic Shrine in America was founded in Mecca, and existed as a great power as early as 698. The ritual, translated into Latin by the well-known Lodovico Marracci, originated in Aleppo. The Order has been active in Arabia without interruption since its foundation.

In 1837 it was established in Cairo, and thence rapidly spread throughout Egypt. Its first object was the support of the courts against crimes which the law could not reach. The Order watched over every act, subject to the law, and its daring and active members did not allow one single crime to go unpunished, never betraying whence the punishment came. This method of a silent and punishing justice exercised a great power. Its sure and steady hand carried fear and terror to the hearts of all criminals.

The history of the present time shows that in the southeast of Europe a secret society exists, composed of well-informed Mussulmans of high station. Its main object is the defense of Islam and Mohammedism against the Infidels, as such they call not only Christians and Jews, but also such princes or men in power of the Mohammedan creed who, like the Khedive of Egypt, are suspected of a regard for Christian institutions. The most powerful of the Oriental secret orders is that of Bektashy, or Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. To it are subject the Darkawee, the Khowan, Abd-el-Kader el-Bagdadee, and the Issawiyee, all serving the same purpose.

These are not, as many believe, politico-religious societies, but under such pretext they hide a deep meaning, which only the initiated understand. They form a very powerful association, inquisitory as well as active, and only members understand their methods and actions. There is a relationship with the well-known Illuminaten, a society founded in Germany in the last century.

The constant aim of these orders is the acquisition of power, which they use to benefit the community by subduing its turbulent element without regard to religion or nationality. They acknowledge a true and everlasting God, and on this principle they judge and punish crimes which have escaped justice, as mysteriously as they do it boldly, and without regard to the proper authorities.

Although apparently opposed to other religions, many of the members belong to creeds which are opposed to Islam, many belong to the Mussulman nobility, others are Jews, and again others are of such sects as were opposed to the original purposes of the Order. The Bektashy is little in favor of the old and very strict laws of Islam; this explains the power which it is able to exercise through the orders subject to it. Its headquarters are at Mecca, that of the Khowan at Yemen, and that of the Darkawee at Morocco. These three are the Mohammedan Jesuits. The adherents of Abd-el-Kader el-Bagdadee have their headquarters at Aleppo.

These organizations spread slowly, but with great wisdom. The Turkish war has made them very daring and powerful. The state authorities are powerless to resist the influence of the zealous emissaries of these Orders in the completion of the work in which they are engaged. The officers meanwhile introduce its members into the highest society as well as into high positions, and it is impossible to foretell the consequences, for these societies are just as powerful and dangerous in the Orient of Europe, and awake the attention of the governments.

The recently formed Order of the Bektashy in America, or the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, is devoid of all Islamism, and is in harmony with the Christian ideas and the laws of America. Its power promises to be great, and its future brilliant.

The emblem worn by its members resembles a crescent. The crescent is formed of two tiger claws joined together by a plate of gold, upon one side of which is represented a female Sphinx, upon the other side a pyramid, an urn, a star, and, besides the date of institution, the legend, "Robur et Furor." The present members of the Order take the words "Cross" and "Crescent" to indicate the religions of the European Orient. The Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of late years have been active in several cities of Europe. Although adhering to the old rules, they devote themselves to the social welfare of its members, they practice charity, and teach an enlightened doctrine.

The Order was introduced into America in 1871, with the restriction that only Masons of the highest degrees should be admitted, as only such were deemed efficient enough in virtue and honor. The Order certainly is more secure among Masons than among men who are not bound by any oath, for it is within the province of the former to organize, as originally and at any time, a deliberative and inquisitorial body.

Instituted under the fundamental idea of the creed of Al Koran, or the Arabian Koran, it was at first to strengthen the Mohammedan creed, after that to introduce the teaching of the Koran into real life, and finally to get power and authority by a symbol cabalistic and mysterious.

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*Three pages of the Transactions of the Grand Mother Lodge Zu den drie Weltkugeln, Orient of Berlin, for 1879, are devoted to the history of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in America, the same being a translation from the Transactions of the Supreme Council of Belgium, 1877-78.

The Order has made rapid progress in America. Its ritual was confided to distinguished Masons of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Knights Templar, who, by the constitutional authority conferred upon them, organized the Temple of Mecca in the city of New York. An Imperial Grand Council of the Order for the United States of America was proclaimed June 6, 1876, when it was decided that only Masons of the thirty-second and thirty-third degrees and Knights Templar should be eligible to membership, in order that the purposes of the Shrine might be fully carried out and its interest enhanced. Temples of the Order have been founded in many States of the Union. The Order has a large and dignified representation, admitting only persons of blameless character, and it promises to become as distinguished and powerful as it is united.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Noble W. J. Florence's story of his admission into the Order has already been given. In a letter sent to the Imperial Grand Council and read at the session held June 7, 1882, he says:

I have long promised myself the task of writing a brief account of the first glimpses I had of the working of our Order, while on a tour in Europe some years since, and now give a portion thereof.

Noble Florence then relates the circumstances as already given. He, however, continued his correspondence with the Nobles of Oriental Europe, and adds this matter, which is part of the proceedings of the Imperial Grand Council:

In a correspondence with Shayk Baki, I have been advised from time to time of the progress of the Order in Algiers, the last of which reached me a day or two since, and I have the honor and pleasure of laying a copy of it before you, translated from the original Arabic by brother A. L. Rawson, a member of our Mystic Order.

(Translation)

PRAISE BE TO THE ONLY GOD!

To his Excellency, WILLIAM J. FLORENCE, *of the United States of America,*
GREETING:

I have received the letter written by you to the Shayk,—the gifted, the learned, the skillful, the Chief of the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and Shayk of Mogribi Shrine in our city of Algiers, who has commissioned me to write this answer, and direct it to be sent to your Excellency in the city of New York.

Our Shrine has prospered in numbers, and has received among its members, during the three months just passed, many of the most wealthy and famous men of this province, including nearly every officer of the government. Our records now include the names of every shayk and fickee (pastor and schoolmaster) of all the mosques in Algiers, with a goodly number of their best members.

A few Greek merchants, who trade here in Greek articles of manufacture or produce, have joined us, completing our tableau of the various nations of the Orient, every one of which is now represented among us by one or more members. Our assemblies are indeed cosmopolitan, composed as they are of Arab, Bedouin, Moor, Mogribi, Turk, French, Italian, German, English, Austrian, Persian, Russian, Hindu and American; but not as yet any Chinese.

We have as yet not printed or written any word of the Ritual or laws, and we hold strictly to the ancient tradition which names the Order as The Unwritten Law. This is mentioned as the answer to your request to send a copy of our Ritual for your information and assistance in the work in America.

The Shayk Mohammed Baki directs me to convey to you his sincere regards for your generosity in affording him the honor and profit of your visit, and the favor of your many valuable letters, giving accounts of the Order in America.

This is written according to my instructions and to my intentions.

ABD-EL-MAKRI,
Secretary of the Temple Shrine of the Mogribins, Algiers.

17th Dhu'l Kaada, 1299
(Sept. 29, 1882).

In a later note I am informed that the Mogribi Shrine has elected me an Honorary Member, and given me the privilege of wearing a crescent of silver and gold in filigree, set with three emeralds on each side of a ruby, as a pendant on a watch chain, or on a ribbon attached to the left breast.

The mail of to-day brought me news from my friend Churi Bey, of Marseilles, who writes that the Bokhara Shrine has enrolled my name among its notable visitors, and given me the freedom of the Shrine as an Honorary Member.

Regretting my inability to be present at your next Communication, and wishing you every prosperity, I am,

Yours fraternally,
W. J. FLORENCE.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN EGYPT

At the same session of the Imperial Council the following documents were transmitted and were received and ordered printed with the proceedings. They were accompanied by a letter from Noble Albert L. Rawson, Grand Representative of the Temples of the Mystic Shrine in the Grand East, and are printed in this section of the history rather than in the history of the Imperial Council, because they furnish further links in the chain binding the American Order to the ancient institutions of the Orient.

CAIRO, EGYPT, February 24, 1882
(4th Ribih ul Akhir, 1299 A. H.)

To WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, *Illustrious Grand Potentate, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:*

ILLUSTRIOUS AND DEAR BROTHER: At a meeting in our Temple held at this date, at the suggestion made by our visiting Brother, Noble A. L. Rawson, 32°, a resolution was passed giving me power to propose an exchange of correspondence with the Potentates of the Order in foreign countries. Noble Rawson was the honored guest of the Free and Accepted Masons in this city in 1874, and gave us at that time much information on the condition of our Order and other societies in the United States of America, on account of which we now act.

I have the honor, therefore, to propose an exchange of correspondence on matters relating to the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in our respective countries. To that end I offer you herein a brief notice of our work during the present year 1881-1882 (A. H. 1298-1299).

The Mystic Temple at Cairo was opened after the usual vacation of three weeks in Ramazan, by a Deputy from the Most Noble Shrine at Mecca, Brother Mohammed Areesh, President of the College at the Holy City, who introduced to us the newly discovered Ritual which is in reality the original and most ancient Ritual of the Order, used by the immediate successors of the second Kalif Omar the Magnificent.

This Ritual I had the honor of witnessing as exemplified in due form, after most elaborate preparations, costumes, and rehearsals, with all the private instruction not lawful to be written, in 1874, and Noble Rawson was present and received all the needful directions for its harmonious presentation. The customary habit of extreme conservatism has prevented our Temple from profiting by its use until the present year. I am informed by letters from your city that you have already adopted the ancient Ritual, and shall be glad to hear your reports on its reception by your Brotherhood, that I may be able to give the Central Shrine at Mecca details of the substantial and, as is reported, unparalleled progress of the Order in America.

It is a pleasure to be able to inform you of the re-establishment of our Order generally throughout the Eastern World, nearly every kingdom or sovereignty being now represented at the General Assembly of Nobles, which meets once in three years at Mecca. In Egypt and neighboring countries, even as far as India, nearly every member of the Government is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. The most able supporters of our Order here are the educated Arabs, members of the learned professions, professors in the colleges, and among them are some who are proficient in ancient history, and who are able to give us well-considered lectures on the Origin and Early History of the Mystic Shrine, and by so

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doing have infused great zeal among the Brotherhood, ennobling the Order by valuable information, and honoring themselves.

Our Regalia is a carefully studied reproduction of the costumes worn by the Brothers under the early Kalifs, who found our Order of the utmost service in their career of conquerors and rulers.

The Chemistry of the Temple work is under the charge of our Noble Brother Hassan Ibn Masteeka, Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy and Lecturer on Astronomy in the College of the Hassaneeyeh.

The banquets during the year have been catered by Ismail Tibneen, *Chef de Cuisine* to His Highness, the Khedive. Among the many revivals of historical dishes of the age of Antony and Cleopatra we have had the precious ortolan from Cyprus, a delicacy that in former times was reserved for the tables of princes.

The number of applicants for admission to our sacred Rites is always greatly in excess of our ability to initiate, for we are limited by an ancient rule to the number of ten candidates at any one session.

At Alexandria the Shrine Temple meets in the ancient palace of the Ptolemies, now partly remodeled for offices and lodge rooms. On the days of high festivals of our Order it has been the custom for some centuries to hold a solemn conclave in one of the great Temples of ancient Egypt, performing our mystic Rites under the stony eyes of the sculptured gods and the painted heroes of the golden age of the Nile kings. Two of these annual gatherings have been held in the famous chambers named after Belzoni, in the great room called the "Hall of Beauty," where on the wall, in colors, life size, is the group of an ancient initiation, which I notice is engraved on the cover of one of your pamphlets, and is also on the circular notice to candidates issued by your Temple. Our last Grand Consistory was assembled in that room, and comprised delegates from Egypt, Arabia, Syria, Abyssinia, Tunis, and Algiers.

Our Deputies and Delegates to the Central Shrine at Mecca must in all cases be professed Mohammedans, and there are always numbers among the annual pilgrims to the Kaabah who are willing and competent to represent us there. The discovery of the Ancient Records of our Order at Aleppo, in the long forgotten library of a monastery, has given a fresh and vigorous impetus to our work. We can now justly claim to have the most ancient connected and consecutive history of any order in the Eastern World.

I have the honor, Illustrious and Noble Sir and Brother, to convey to you the high esteem and consideration of our Brotherhood in Egypt.

JAMES GRANT, M. D.,
Physician to His Highness, the Khedive.

Dated at Cairo, and forwarded by order of the Alee Pasha Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, SYRIA,
Friday, 12th Jamuz ul Awwal, A. H. 1299
(March 31, 1882).

To Illustrious Noble WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, *Illustrious Grand Potentate, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:*

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND BROTHER: At the last stated meeting of the Temple of Omar, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, it was decreed that the Recorder open a correspondence with neighboring and foreign countries, for the purpose of gaining and giving information on the progress and condition of the Order throughout the world. I therefore salute you in the name of our Shrine of Omar Temple, and beg the favor of a reply.

Omar Temple dates its origin to the year A. D. 660, which was soon after the Saracens drove the Persians out of the Holy City. Among our members are found the heads of the great Christian sects located in this city, the consuls of the various powers represented here, seventeen in all, and a host of educated and refined men, leaders, many gifted ones in science and the arts, and many noted travelers from nearly every country on the face of the globe. No pilgrimage to the Holy City is considered complete until our Shrine has been honored.

The meetings are held by the permission of the Pasha, the Governor of Jerusalem, in the chamber of the Mejlis, the Honorable Council of the city.

The Temple at Jaffa has suffered in the loss of its ancient archives, the city having been destroyed during the Middle Ages, when Athlit and Cæsarea were the ports. The Shrine at Athlit is now used as a granary and storehouse for straw, the ancient inscriptions being still visible on the battered walls and ceiling, which are of fine gray stone, highly finished and decorated by the architect.

The Temple at Damascus has been more fortunate, and its Shrine is venerated third in order, Mecca and Jerusalem being first and second, and Aleppo is counted fourth on the sacred roll. The meetings at Damascus are held monthly, at the new moon, and its records have been kept, with very few intermissions of short duration, for over twelve centuries, dating from Moharram, A. H. 35 (A. D. 657).

The room now used by the Temple is in the Khan of Hussein, a building of black and white marble, with a large courtyard, fountain, fruit and shade trees, arcades and corridors; and the apartments are decorated and furnished in the most ornate style, with designs emblematic of the principles and purposes of the Order. Commanication is kept up by the annual caravan with the Holy City of Mecca, and by the monthly caravan with the city of Aleppo. With Beirut and Smyrna we are able to exchange greetings and courtesies almost daily.

The Temple in Beirut is the richest in Syria, its members having been largely drawn from the rich merchants and traders of that port; and also from having initiated a great number of travelers from various countries, many of whom left substantial tokens of their high appreciation of the sublime merits of our Order.

The Druzes in Mount Lebanon have ever been faithful to the tenets of the Shrine, and their chiefs and leaders, educated men, professors of literature and the arts, are numbered among its devotees. The chief Temple Shrine is at Dayr el Kamer, where the Mystic Rites greet the new moon regularly with the rolling seasons, the Druzes never having had a vacation or interruption during seven centuries of mystic work. They meet in the well-known subterranean chambers attached to the Governor's palace, where the secret rites of the Order are safe from profane intrusion.

In our next communication I intend to give some details of our progress in Damascus, with notices of some of the chief notables and high functionaries who have honored our Mystic Shrine.

I have the honor to salute you with the Mystic Word, and convey to you my sentiments of profound esteem.

JAMES H. CLARKE,
Recorder of the Temple Saladin, Es Shawm (Damascus).

SAMUEL EGGLOFFSTEIN,
Recorder of the Temple Omar, El Kuds (Jerusalem).

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN DAMASCUS

The following letter is from Illustrious Brother, the celebrated Abd-el-Kader, of Damascus:

(Translation)

PRAISE BE TO THE ONLY GOD!

To the Illustrious Noble WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, *Grand Potentate, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of the United States of America,* GREETING:

I have received a copy of the letter of our Representative near your Council, directed to our Secretary of the Temple Saladin (Salah-ed-Deen), and also the printed copy of your laws and the Oriental esoteric ceremonies. The Secretary of the Temple Saladin has also communicated to me the letter which transmitted your greetings. May God reward you! and also the Recorder of your Council, and our Representative, whose generosity procured me the honor and favors mentioned herein.

Temple Saladin has been favored by God during the past year, and has added to its roll of Nobles the names of many of the most worthy and notable men of our city and district *(vilayet)*, the whole number being beyond the mark of three thousand. Among the most valued of the newly received Nobles are those whom the Fates drove out of Egypt recently, and who fortunately escaped before the storm burst over that unhappy land. One of these exiles is the well-known Coptic scholar, Makaukas, a descendant of the Governor of Alexandria, of the same name, who aided the cause of the Kalif when the hated Greeks were driven out of that city on the first Moharram, A. H. 20 (A. D. December 10, 641). The uncle of our respected Brother was a resident of my native city of Maskara, in Algiers, and served as one of my aids during the campaign against the French (in 1835), at Makta.

When I was permitted by the late Emperor of the French, Napoleon the Third, to reside at Broosa (Asia Minor, Turkey), Makaukas, who had been my aid *(wakeel)*, and Omar Fasroor, assisted me in founding the Temple Solyman at that city. [Founded in 1849.—*Translator.*] That Shrine numbers at the present time a thousand and one Nobles, all of illustrious parentage, well recommended, and many of them eminent for services in aid of their fellow men, who are striving to dispel the clouds of ignorance and fanaticism which hang like a pall over some sections of our land.

The Temple Saladin has a brilliant record of several centuries, which includes the names of many of the rulers of the country, and also of the most noted families, not only in the city Es Shawm (Damascus), but of the mountain districts of Lebanon and Anti-Lebanon, especially among the ancient and exclusive sect of the Druzes. It was my privilege, on the occasion of my visit to the Emeer of Deir el Kamr, to be present at a convocation of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held in the banquet hall of the ancient palace of the Emeers. The large number of thirty-three *(talatte oo talatteen)* were ennobled *(yamalaho shareef)*.

It is with great abundance of satisfaction that I am able to testify to you of the most timely and efficient aid which our Noble Order has been ever ready to give to the authorities of this city and district, especially in critical emergencies. The history of the past events in Damascus confirms my words, as I write, that our services have been the means, under the favor of God, of saving many lives and much valuable property. The most notable incident was that of 1860, when my faithful Nobles sustained me in preserving more than thirteen thousand imperiled Christians against their fanatical enemies, who threatened them with fire and sword.

My duties in the Shrine of the Temple Saladin, during the last year, have been performed by a deputy *(naib)* in my presence. Advancing years intimate to me that I may at any moment be summoned to join the innumerable caravan of Nobles who have congregated about the Unseen Shrine. May God favor and preserve you many years!

Beginning of Moharram, A. H. 1300.

This is written according to my intentions.

ABD-EL-KADER BEN MAKHI-ED-DEEN.

FURTHER LETTER FROM THE RENOWNED ALGERIAN

The following letter was read at the session of the Imperial Council, June 6, 1883, and ordered published with the proceedings:

(Translation)

ALGIERS, AFRICA,
Nahar el Goumah, Shaaban 13, A. H. 1299
(June 30, 1882).

To Illustrious Shareef, WALTER M. FLEMING, *Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the Thirty-third Degree, Universal Craft Masonry, and Imperial Potentate of the Bektashee—Mystic Shrine—of the Western Hemisphere, United States of America, City of New York:*

MOST NOBLE SHAYK: By the grace of God, all praises to His name! I have long promised to myself to fulfill the pleasing duty of acknowledging the receipt of both manuscript communications and translated histories of your most earnest work in your domain in the cause of the Order of the Crescent, Bektashee, Abd-el-Kader el-Bagdadee, or Mystic Shrine; I commend me to your Excellency, with expressive assurance of my indorsement and appreciation of your great and good works. Although the true trusts of this Arabic faith and institution can scarcely prevail intact in the New World, and under Republican rule, yet no less interesting and instructive, as a lesson of good government and pure devotion, will it prove, when rendered as a ceremonial, under earnest and able auspices. It is an estimable Order, the interest of which I have espoused with great love for the past many years, as an institution at once grand in the hearts of its disciples, who esteem Justice, Truth, and Mercy, and abhor oppression, fanaticism, and intolerance. With these comments I recognize each and all in the Shrine, together toilers in the same great and good cause.

I am gratified with the pride of a knowledge that the precepts of this cherished Order have already become accepted, and its virtues and its powers recognized, in the Western Hemisphere. May success and continuance prevail with you and yours!

The Temple Algiers is still the same sterling power, as for many years it has continued unchanged in its course of rule, except in its membership, which changes generations, through the cycle of time and the ravages of dissolution. This temple is of the same mature character as the sister class of Mecca, Damascus, Jerusalem, Aleppo, Cairo, Marseilles, Bokhara, Oran, Broussa, and innumerable others in Oriental Europe. Heaven so will it that Mecca of the New World become as firm in establishment and as powerful in its decrees!

I have twice been honored by being presented to your first representative, his Excellency Noble W. J. Florence of New York, of the United States of America, which estimable gentleman I welcomed as a disciple of the Unwritten Law, hailing from Bokhara Shrine, Marseilles. Although a foreigner, he seemed as deep in the warmth of interest in the Shrine as any native Sheik or Shareef, therefore entitled and most welcome to all courtesy in our humble bestowal. Ever name me kindly to him.

Herewith receive and accept the greeting of the scribe. Populate your sanctuaries with the good, the upright, and the just. Honor the worthy, select the men of science and art, dignitaries, men of rank, high officials, and superior class for officials in power, and men of character and worth for the all-powerful mass of memberhood. Carry not the Unwritten Law too far decipherable in your exoteric issues. Verbal and oral confidences supersede, in safety and retention, all manuscriptal or published treasures, however code-bound. Be faithful, zealous, and steadfast in the purpose. And may God (all honor to Him!) preserve you here, and set apart for you a haven in Paradise hereafter. Honor to you in the Order of the Shrine.

ABEN BEN BELOT.

Pronounced according to my intentions, and transmitted under authority of Temple Algiers, Africa.

ABD-EL-KADER BEN MAKHI-ED-DEEN.

DEATH OF ABD-EL-KADE

The black camel halted before the tent of the noted and aged Algerian and carried him into the Unseen Temple. Mourning for his death was observed both in the Imperial Council and in Mecca Temple. In the Imperial Council June 6, 1883, the rooms were deeply draped in mourning, the Shrine with the symbolic Kiswet was emblazoned with the name of the illustrious deceased on the symbolical funeral urn, and all jewels and insignia were covered with mourning.

The full ceremonies for the death of Illustrious Abd-el-Kader had been given in Mecca Temple May 31, 1883, of which descriptive accounts appeared in the newspapers of the day. The following extracts appeared in the "New York Sun":

MOURNING FOR ABD-EL-KADER

"Abd-el-Kader's death in Damascus on Saturday was mourned in Al-Beyt Ullahie-'l Haram, Masonic Temple, by the American branch of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine last night. The mourners included Dr. W. M. Fleming and Grand Potentates, Rabbans, and Shareefs from various temples of the East and West. The mourners wore a full Arabic costume of fine and elaborately decorated silks. Gold crescents glistened on their turbans, and tiger claws bound together in the form of crescents, sphinx heads, golden suns, stars, pyramids, and Egyptian obelisks were displayed. The High Priest stood on a throne, and conducted the memorial rites. Banners bearing inscriptions in Arabic stood behind the High Priest. In front of the throne was a black velvet coffin containing a bleached skeleton, typifying death. A letter written on parchment by Abd-el-Kader, a golden helmet, and emblems of the Order rested upon the coffin. An altar draped in mourning

was in the middle of the chamber. A symbolical urn exhaled incense during the ceremonies. Two scimiters were crossed at the base of the urn on one end of the altar, and a copy of the Koran in Arabic was upon the other end, with glittering scimiters crossed upon it. A large tomb, the sides of which were covered with hieroglyphics, stood at the end of the chamber, and two masked and turbaned Rabbans, glittering with mystic emblems, sat in front of the tomb, before which rose a banner bearing the words, '*Es selamu aleikum*,' or 'Peace be with you.'

"It was not generally known that Abd-el-Kader's death at Damascus would cause mourning among Americans. It has, however, affected about five hundred citizens of New York and about five thousand residents of the United States who are members of the 'Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America.'"

HIS DEATH PROCLAIMED

The following documents were transmitted to the Committee on the Deceased at the Imperial Council June 6, 1883, by the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, who had proclaimed them during the ceremonies held in Mecca Temple, on May 31, 1883:

ABD-EL-KADER

"On Saturday, May 26, 1883, a cable dispatch from Constantinople, Turkey, announced the death on that day of the Illustrious Noble El-Hadji Abd-el-Kader, Grand Potentate of the Temple Saladin, Damascus, Syria. Upon receipt of this information it was deemed important by the official Directory of the Imperial Council of the Shrine to publish the following notice, which was done:

NOBILITY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

Proclamation emanating from the Congress, Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, United States of America:

To all Illustrious Potentates, Rabbans, and Noble Shareefs throughout the jurisdiction of the Western Hemisphere:

AFFLICTION — DISTRESS — SORROW

Illustrious Noble El-Hadji Abd-el-Kader, Grand Sheik of Alee Temple, Mecca, Arabia, under the domain of the Crescent, is dead. This renowned Shareef of the Order Bektasheeyeh, or Mystic Shrine, of the Abd-el-Kader el-Bagdadeeyeh, Grand Potentate of Temple Saladin, Damascus, is officially announced departed to the Unseen Temple. You are hereby commanded, imperial and subordinate, for the full term of the next three crescent moons after this mandate, within the mystic sanctuaries of the Shrine, in accordance with the ancient Oriental custom, to drape your altars and tombs with the insignia of mourning, and let the symbolic funeral urn be placed upon the sacred black stone, there to exhale incense during all ceremonials, and inscribe upon your Temple Records notice of the same. Executive action will also be taken at the annual session of the Imperial Council on June 6, 1883, at Masonic Temple, city of New York. In obedience to supreme decree.

WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, Imperial Potentate.
WILLIAM S. PATERSON, 33°, Imperial Recorder.

"Copies of this notice were at once forwarded to each and every temple of the Shrine in our jurisdiction, and the requirements of the mandate expected to be complied with, in obedience to which Mecca Temple appears now in the required garb of mourning.

"I will state as a matter of information to those who are uninformed, that by reference to Syrian history the lineage, birth, life, fame, and remarkable career of this great Sheik will be found largely portrayed. I also respectfully refer to the printed proceedings of the last annual session of our Imperial Council for a correspondence with this renowned Shareef.

"I herewith submit a brief review of his origin, and history of his famous career; his connection with Masonry and its allies, the Bektasheeyeh, or Mystic Shrine, and its coadjuvants or branches, named after the founders and rulers of each, among the most noted and interesting at this time being the branch named after this great Arab Sheik, 'The Abd-el-Kader el-Bagdadeeyeh' and the sister temples — Darkaweeyeh, Kowaneeyeh, and Eesaweeyeh. For details, reference is made to our 'Origin and History' of the Order.

HISTORY OF EL-HADJI ABD-EL-KADER ULID MAHIDDIN

"Abd-el-Kader was an Arab emir in Algeria. He was born near Mascara, Algiers, in 1807, and was descended from an ancient family of Marabouts, son of Mahiddin, an emir of great power and influence, who, being suspected, under secret alliance, of plotting the subversion of Turkish rule, was compelled to retire with his son to Cairo, Egypt, in 1827. Some authorities trace his lineage directly from the Prophet.

"When Abd-el-Kader returned from this exile, Algiers had been captured by the French. This young emir being a man of most remarkable powers and accomplishments, and of the greatest bravery, soon became the chief and leader of his countrymen, and through the Order Bektasheeyeh, or Mystic Shrine, speedily organized a system of resistance to the invaders, at the head of his own tribes.

"The French Commandant of Oran made an attack on his stronghold at Tlemcen, in 1832, and was defeated. The subsequent attacks of Abd-el-Kader and his followers upon the French were conducted with such skill and bravery that the Arabs proclaimed him the Chief of the Believers, and France acknowledged his sway over the tribes west of the Shelliff. They became alarmed by his growing power in this secret organization of the Shrine, then designated 'the Bektashee Abd-el-Kader el-Bagdadeeyeh,' and again commenced hostilities. The French forces in their march upon Mascara were surprised and utterly defeated by Abd-el-Kader in the defile of Muley Ismail. In January, 1836, the French succeeded in destroying Mascara and capturing Tlemcen, establishing a garrison. But they were at once obliged to make a disastrous retreat to Oran. Abd-el-Kader was, however, defeated July 7, 1836, and concluded to make peace with the French, and was himself confirmed as Emir of Oran, Titteri, and a portion of Algiers; but not content, he renewed the war in 1839. After a desperate conflict he was defeated, and in 1842 took refuge in Morocco, where the Emperor, being one of the same secret alliance, aided him against the French. But the Moorish ruler was defeated at Isly, August 14, 1844, and suffered many subsequent disastrous defeats. Abd-el-Kader was finally captured and sent to Paris in 1848.

"Although the condition of his surrender was that he should be sent to Egypt or St. Jean d'Acre, he was detained in France, until released by Louis Napoleon in 1852, with a pension of one hundred thousand francs, on condition that he should not return to Algeria, nor take up arms against the French. He went to Broussa, Asia Minor, which place being destroyed by an earthquake in 1855, he removed to Constantinople. He subsequently took up his residence in Damascus, where he distinguished himself by generously aiding the Christians with the Shrine during the sanguinary riots in the summer of 1860.

"In 1864 he went to Egypt, where he was presented with a tract of land by M. De Lesseps, projector of the Suez Canal.

"During this sojourn (through the fact that, by the powers of the Bektashee, or Shrine, over which he ruled as Grand Sheik, by his aid to the Christians in 1860) he was honored by being made a Freemason of high grade.

"He was the father of twenty-four children, most of whom are deceased. One of his daughters has become a convert to Christianity.

"Abd-el-Kader is the author of a book of philosophico-religious meditation, written in Arabic, while in exile. He was altogether a most remarkable man, noble and generous in character, and an uncompromising enemy to fanaticism and intolerance. He twice made the pilgrimage to Mecca, the first being made at the age of eight years. He was Grand Sheik of the Parent Alee Temple at Mecca, as also of the Temple Saladin, Damascus.

"In recognition of the exalted station of this deceased noble Sheik, as one of the greatest representatives of our Order, together with his connection with the Masonic Fraternity, I respectfully submit these historical facts, to be inscribed upon our Records, and recommend that a memorial page be set apart to the honor of his fair fame."

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN PERSIA

The following document was transmitted to the Imperial Council at the session held June 6, 1883, by Noble Albert L. Rawson, Representative of the Temple in the East, and was ordered printed with the proceedings:

To the Imperial Council of the United States of America :

I have the pleasure of laying before your august body the following extract from an article on Persia, written for the Schaff-Herzog Encyclopædia of Religious Knowledge, by Rev. P. Z. Easton, resident missionary at Tabreez, Persia:

The whole trend of the Mohammedan world, nay, we may say of the Oriental world, is in the direction of this pantheistic dervish system. The pressure of the European powers, of Christianity, and the reaction against the secularization of the official heads of Mohammedism, all contribute greatly to strengthen dervish Mohammedism. New orders have sprung up; old orders have been strengthened. The present Sultan might almost be called a dervish, surrounded by dervish counselors, having as his aim to propagate dervish principles. The doctrine of the Mahdi, or guide, is a dervish doctrine. The impending change in the seat of the caliphate cannot fail to help the movement; and if, as seems not unlikely, Bagdad be the new center, that is the very center of the dervish world, its "City of Saints." Already there have been, within the present century, three marked manifestations of this religious system —Muridism or Shamylism in the Caucasus, the Brahmo Somaj in India, and Babism in Persia. The first has been put down, but only after a war of thirty-five years, which tasked the resources of the Russian Empire. The other two have but begun to manifest themselves; and it is a significant fact, that they are not merely defensive, but offensive, movements. Chunder Sen has lately given out that he is about to visit Europe as the bearer of a divine command to it to abandon its sectarianism, and receive the universal religion. If we are inclined to laugh at the idea, we should do well to remember that many of the leading minds in Europe and America are more in sympathy with this Oriental Pantheism than with Christianity; that Emerson was but a Persian Sufi in a Yankee dress; and that at the very time these lines are being penned (May, 1883), five thousand American citizens, members of the order of Bektashi dervishes, are commemorating with Oriental rites the death of Abd-el-Kader.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN EGYPT

The following document was transmitted to the Imperial Council by the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate and was ordered printed with the proceedings:

To WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, *Most Illustrious Grand Potentate of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for the United States of America :*

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND BROTHER : Having been present at the "Doseh" the last time that ceremony was performed at Cairo, it has been thought that the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, who have witnessed only the somewhat modified ceremony as seen in the various temples of the Occidental branch of the Order, would be interested in a brief account of the same, with its attendant pomp and pageantry.

I therefore send you the following account of what I saw, hoping that it may be of service to you and those of your associates in this Ancient Arabic Order, to whom its members in this country are so deeply indebted for having modified the Oriental customs of the Order so much (and only so much) as was necessary for them to occupy to the utmost the extensive field of usefulness and beneficence which is open to the Mystic Shrine in this country.

On a morning in February, which was as clear and bright as the most ideally perfect day of June in this country, I rode out in company with a large number of visitors and natives to meet the Sacred Caravan on its annual return from the pilgrimage to Mecca.

We passed out of the city by the Bab-en-Nasr, or "Gate of Victory," the plan of which was made from the ancient Roman Castle of Babylon in Old Cairo. We took up our station at the side of the road, where we could be certain of having a good view of the caravan and its escort.

The interval of waiting was enlivened by the amusing antics of the numerous jugglers, snake charmers, and mountebanks, who were continually coming and going and vociferously demanding "backsheesh."

Soon, however, the strains of martial music were heard, and then a regiment of cavalry, followed by six full regiments of infantry, came into view. Two of the latter were composed wholly of Nubians, who were as black as any human beings can be. The others were made up of the lighter colored natives of lower Egypt. The military were all richly uniformed, and their appearance in marching would have done no discredit to some of our crack New York regiments.

Then came the numerous orders of Dervishes, in quaint, flowing Oriental robes, each of the orders bearing numerous rich and showy banners, and many of their members wore the green turban, which signified that they were descendants of the Prophet, or that they had made the holy pilgrimage and saluted the Kaaba at Mecca. Two of these bodies of men wore brown robes and curious conical hats, and I afterward learned, when visiting their Mosques in company with a well-known Moslem, that one of these bodies was the Whirling and the other the Howling Dervishes.

Finally came the pilgrims, mounted on camels, headed by their Sheik, who had tried to become more worthy of the blessing of Allah by having ridden all the distance "across the burning sands of the desert," bareheaded and naked to the waist. He appeared to have suffered severely from his exposure to the blazing sun.

Then came the sacred camel, bearing on his back a curious structure looking somewhat like a tent of richly embroidered velvet. This was emblematic of royalty. Within this tent was the sacred carpet, brought back from Mecca, and at its side hung two copies of Al Koran.

As the long procession entered the gate and passed through the wider streets of the city, we drove by a shorter way and took up our position in the Rumeleh, the large open space in front of the citadel, where the Khedive, with his richly uniformed officers, both civil and military, was waiting in the royal tent to welcome the pilgrims.

As soon as the procession came in sight minute guns were fired, and this was kept up until the last of the pilgrims had passed the tent of the Khedive. As each pilgrim came in front of the Khedive he halted, and greeted him with the Oriental salaam, which greeting was courteously acknowledged.

After the reception was concluded, they repaired to a camp ground near the Nile, where a great number of tents had been erected around a large open space for the accommodation of the pilgrims and the representatives of the three hundred mosques in "Grand Cairo."

The camp meeting lasted for several days. Within the line of tents everything was conducted with the utmost solemnity. Services were in progress at all hours of the day and night. They were most fully attended in the hours between sunset and the Muezzin's call for morning prayers. Within these hours processions bearing beautifully illuminated banners and marching to Oriental music were continually coming and going.

The services in the tents consisted principally of reading the Koran and praying. Each Moslem as he enters a tent washes his hands and takes off his shoes before engaging in the services. While reading he sits cross-legged, swaying the body rhythmically backward and forward. While engaged in prayer he kneels, facing toward Mecca, and at various points prostrates himself.

Without the line of tents which were erected about a hollow square, tents were erected for theaters and amusements of various kinds, as well as for the sale of refreshments and sweetmeats.

All the ceremonies I have described were preliminary to the Doseh, with which the camp meeting closed. This service always brings to Cairo the largest number of visitors of anything in the entire year. The Khedive was present with his entire court. The veiled inmates of all the Harems of the wealthier Moslems were there in carriages, each one guarded by an armed eunuch.

The crowd was enormous, and as nearly every costume that can be imagined outside of the Arctic regions was represented, it will be readily understood that the appearance of the multitudes of people was bizarre in the extreme.

By a judicious outlay of "backsheesh" I was enabled to secure a place inside the line of Harem carriages, so that I stood within six feet of where some of the dervishes were ridden over.

At a given signal those who had volunteered for this service came in procession down the line, looking wild and weird, and wearing nothing but a fez and a light garment about their loins. When the time came they all lay down side by side, with their backs upward, and as closely together as possible. Then for a few moments, in all that mighty multitude, came a silence that could be felt. Afterward the Sheik of the returned pilgrims, mounted on a milk-white horse, rode slowly along the line on the bodies of the three hundred and fifty dervishes who were lying there.

As he passed, the lines were broken by the multitude, who rushed in to take care of those who had been ridden over, shouting with all their might, "Allah il Allah! Allah il Allah!" and thus ended the ceremony.

Hoping that continued prosperity may attend you and the Illustrious Order over which you preside, I remain,

Truly and fraternally yours,
SERANUS BOWEN, M. D.,
Scherif of Mecca Temple, New York.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN ASIATIC TURKEY

The following document was transmitted to the Imperial Council by Rev. Cornelius L. Twing, member of Mecca Temple, concerning the history of one of his early ancestors, who was largely concerned in the troublous times which Bassorah underwent in the eighteenth century. The document was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, WALTER M. FLEMING, GREETING:

I have the pleasure of transmitting to you the following history of one of my ancestors, Sheik Twing, who was a prominent figure in the history of Asiatic Turkey toward the end of the eighteenth century, and especially in the disasters which befell Bassorah, a frontier city situated in Asiatic Turkey, on the Shat-el-Arab, formed by the junction of the Euphrates and the Tigris, two hundred and seventy miles southeast of Bagdad. The Sheik Twing mentioned was one of the influential Nobles of our Order, and his reputation for bravery and administration are well exemplified in this little episode. It is taken from the "Tales of Old Travel," by Henry Kingsley, F. R. G. S., and occurs in narrating the history of a young traveler, Robert Everard, in Eastern countries.

Robert Everard had happened to arrive at Bassorah at the very time (1691) when that town was passing out of the Persian hands forever. Not forever out of *Arab* hands, nevertheless. One finds in reading Franklin's voyage from Bengal to Persia that ninety-six years afterwards (1787) a certain sheik, Twing, having been on a raid against a brother sheik, was met rather dangerously near to the desert by the Governor of Bassorah, who came out at a kind of picnic to congratulate the sheik, his friend, on his successful plundering expedition. Instigated by the devil, no doubt, the sheik took it into his head to take the Governor prisoner, to send him to the rear, and to claim the town of Bassorah as his own in right of his ancestor (doubtless the sheik who had held it for twelve months in 1691, and in whose bombardment little Robert Everhard had assisted). This very clever sheik made a splendid *coup d'état* of it. He sent in fifteen hundred Arabs to take possession of the palace; they seem to have been unopposed, the inhabitants probably thinking that they could not be worse off, and might be better. After finding that they did not make their experimentum on the vile bodies of his fifteen hundred, Sheik Twing trusted his own sacred person in, seized the shipping, inhabited the palace, and gave the most polite assurances to the inhabitants. The next thing he did was to send a note, in a tone of injured innocence, to Constantinople, lamenting that he should have been kept out of his just rights (which he had just invented) so long; promising his allegiance to the Porte on condition of having given him the Pashalic of Bassorah and *Bagdad* (quite a new idea, developed as rapidly as the original one). After this glorious piece of coolness, he had collected all the Jew and Armenian merchants, and had got a loan of six thousand tomans from them. A forced loan? Oh, dear, no; only you would find it on the whole best to make it. The security? Why, the carefully worded bond of the sheik himself; who, however, as soon as he had got it, thought it just as well to get out of the mud-walled fortification of Bassorah, and have the safe desert clear behind him.

As the news from Constantinople might be rather unfavorable, as the Grand Seigneur might not exactly like such a degree of coolness as he had exhibited, he marched up the Euphrates towards Bagdad, just to anticipate the messenger with the firman. If it was favorable, good; if unfavorable, none could be the worse except the messenger.

Now a big brother of his, who had been set aside in the succession to the sheikdom by their father, had been waiting all his life to give his younger brother what is called in low life "a hoist." When this wicked younger brother of his had so shamelessly invaded the territories of the head of the holy Mohammedan religion, had captured his governor, had marched into Bassorah, the righteous soul of the dispossessed elder brother burned with ire. His own flesh and blood was one thing, but this insult to the Sublime Porte was another. He fled into the arms of the Pasha of Bagdad, and raised such a wasps' nest about his dear younger brother's ears, that I should fancy more than once that Sheik Twing wished that their father had left his elder brother in quiet possession of the sheikdom.

The Porte never answered his letter; they merely wrote to the Pasha of Bagdad ordering his head. The Pasha made friends with a neighboring tribe of Arabs, the Bandi, whom Twing had scorned in his prosperity, and together they attacked the audacious sheik. He very nearly won, but the allies were too strong for him. His army was as much beaten as an Arab army ever is, and he went home (with the six thousand tomans), and up to the latest intelligence (December, 1787) remained there on his native desert in peace. It may be considered as highly probable that his elder brother did *not* follow him to the paternal tents.

As for the Jew and Armenian merchants who had most audaciously presumed to save their throats from being cut from one ear to another by giving this sheik the money he demanded, you may be sure that they met with the deserts of their crime as soon as the Turks got back into Bassorah. They had to pay through the nose. Sheik Twing had plagued them with whips; the new Governor of Bassorah (one does not read what Sheik Twing did with the old one) plagued them with scorpions.

The Grand Seigneur appointed Ahmed, the traitorous elder brother, as sheik in room of his brother Twing. One cannot help wondering if he ever went and took possession.

Courteously submitted,
CORNELIUS L. TWING,
St. Thomas' Mission, Brooklyn, E. D.

ISMAILIA TEMPLE
BUFFALO N.Y.

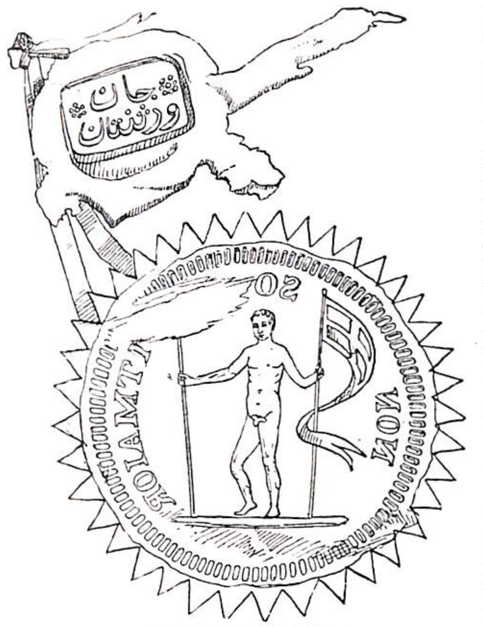
THE MYSTIC SHRINE IN MALTA

The following document was transmitted by Noble John Worthington, Consul of the United States at Malta, to the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, and it was likewise received by the Imperial Council and ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

UNITED STATES CONSULATE, MALTA,
No. 10 Strada Mezzodi, April 20, 1884.

To WALTER M. FLEMING, 33°, *Illustrious Grand Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, New York, U. S. A.*:

ILLUSTRIOUS AND HONORED BROTHER: Permit me, though at this late day, to convey to you with this communication, per the mail packet that leaves this port to-day, the inclosed documents. Your esteemed and most excellent letter of November 20 lies before me as I write these lines, and their kindly expressions of pleasure at my improvement in health, and your warmly worded hopes that my years may yet be many and abundant with happiness, were very grateful to me. I reproach myself not a little in that my apparent tardiness to reply thereto must have seemed to you inattention, or, at least, unintentional remissness; but of course you know before this, through my sponsor, Brother George W. Millar, of my frequent absences from this island, of my visits to Tunis, Egypt, and Sicily, and of the excursion I made into the stricken Soudan.



SEALS IN WAX ON LETTER.

I shall, I hope, have much of interest to impart to you, and through you to the Imperial Council of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the United States, of my visits to the lands where the Order had its birth, and where to-day, even, and especially in the midst of the cruel scenes that are being enacted amid the splendors of the Orient sun, that Order is not only strong and flourishing, but wields an influence of beneficent and ripened power — material as well as moral — that no other institution in the East, however potent and august, maintains, nor, I believe, can ever hope to equal. Our aims are so high, our motives so unselfish, our object so pure, our works so pregnant with advantage, and so utterly unalloyed with any of the baser elements of counterfeit worth, that too often discolor, actuate, and control human associations to their belittlement, that, as day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge, my pride in my membership of, my undeviating confidence in, and my reverence for the grand old Order grows firmer and more absorbing.

My visit to the Alee Pasha Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, at Cairo, was replete and rich with pleasure and satisfaction. The Brotherhood in Egypt surely flourishes, is fruitful in good works, and is as beautiful as are the queenly palms which wave their feathery arms in the soft airs that crinkle the surface of the lordly Nile into rippling lines of loveliest corrugations, or cast their cooling shadows upon the unveiled bosoms of the star-eyed daughters of Egypt. The ritual that I witnessed exemplified within the secret walls of the Mystic Temple of Masr el-Kahirah [Cairo the Victorious] was superb and full of harmonious proportions, both to the eye and ear. All the refinest senses were stirred to their deepest by the elaborate and luxuriant beauty of detail and fulfillment. The ritual in this temple is simply the perfection of high art. It works, by grand and elegant treads, up to a gorgeous consummation as easily and as brilliantly as Aurora's dawn; finally, but without crisis, sinks into the sea of glory with which Egypt's sun-god floods the green delta and the golden sands. You must see the living, pulseful, throbbing sunrise in the land of Egypt to appreciate my metaphor, I fear, for nowhere else on earth is that scene so magnificent. It glorifies all it touches, and makes even the scarred and monstrous pyramid of Cheops a tangible dream of eternal beauty.

The Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Cairo have their fine Order much at heart, and are enthusiastic in its behalf. They are truly a noble body of men, and my observation of and contact with them taught me that beneath a Moslem turban may beat a heart actuated by as noble sentiments and as tender a love as exists in the soul of the most praiseworthy Christian gentleman. I shall not soon forget the warm, fraternal greeting that Brother Hassan Solyman gave me at Shepherd's Hotel, Cairo. I had just come out from dinner, and was smoking my cigar. I did not know who he was when he came into the room, but was struck by his fine presence and bright-eyed strength of glance at once. He wore the ornamented red fez of his civil authoritative position in the Egyptian government, but was otherwise dressed in European clothes. He was a full-blooded Egyptian and an ardent Mussulman all the same; an Egyptian and a Mussulman of the higher class, educated and refined in all the graces that please and in that exalted humanity which only makes man a little lower than the angels. I noticed the glittering jewel of Al Akarim suspended across his white vest first, and then the seal ring of the Order of the Mejidie on his finger. Seeing the tiger crescent at my watch chain, he advanced without hesitation to where I was standing, and put his right hand over his heart, then kissed that hand, and touched his forehead, as he said:

"Es Selamu Aleikum."

"Aleikum es Selam," was my reply, at which he literally fell upon my neck, after the good and hearty, if florid, old manner of the days of the Patriarchs. The manners of the Oriental people are as attractive as their costumes, and their everyday life and everyday meetings are but lesser repetitions of our Shrine carriage.

Brother Hassan could not do too much for me, and was by far too generous, I felt, in his unlimited hospitality while I remained in and near Cairo. His brother was the prime Sheik of the tribe of Bedouins that guarded the Pyramids of Gizeh, was a Noble of the Shrine, and well up in all that makes an efficient and sincere Shrinite. Under their excellent and enlightened guidance I made pilgrimages into and to the top of the Pyramids, through the alabaster and other tombs that are strewn in pathetic profusion over the Gizeh plateau, lunched with them in a sixty-ton sarcophagus that once contained the embalmed body of a sacred bull in the wonderful Apis tombs, strolled with them over the sand-strewn site of ancient Memphis, viewed the prostrate colossal granite statue of Rameses II, where it lay face downward,— a fitting representation of Egypt's fallen grandeur,— secured a piece of the black hair of the Sphinx,— "The Watchful" (which relic I have forwarded to Brother Millar); and it was under Hassan's guidance that I found myself a welcome guest in the Alee Pasha Temple of our illustrious Shrine in Egypt, where, as I have said, I was able to behold a ceremony distinguished in my memory by a pomp and pageantry, splendor and voluptuousness, that is beyond the ability of my stammering tongue and feeble pen to recapitulate.

Nor may I recite in this brief communication the more than brotherly kindness shown me by Brother Tewfik Pasha, the present Khedive. He displayed much interest in the Order in the United States, and asked intelligently touching sundry details and characteristics of our ritual. During coffee and cigarettes I ventured to tell him of the devotion you rendered to all that pertained to the Mystic Shrine, not only in the city of New York, but throughout the Union, at which he commended you in laudatory terms. I honestly believe, Illustrious Brother, that, should you visit Egypt, His Highness would confer on you the Egyptian civil order of Nobility — the Mejidie — at sight! I gave him a word-sketch of your personal appearance — which resembled his own in height, weight, and age, barring your flowing side whiskers. The Khedive, you know, perhaps, wears a short-cut full beard, and dresses in quiet and good taste. He was pained to learn of the recent conflagration that destroyed so much of value in our New York Temple, but pleasantly said he thought an American Howadji could rally from a disaster with more promptness and cheerfulness and begin anew with a braver heart than any earthly Arab!

The Shrine of Alexandria, where, almost in the shadow of Pompey's Pillar, our sacred rites are held, is appropriately in a structure on the site of an ancient palace of the Ptolemies, on the very spot where the mystic rites of the ancients were once performed. The ritual there as I saw it was all that the most zealous Noble could have desired in points of rich and varied costumes, valuable and numerous jewels, and striking antique appointments. Two of the altars were of priceless value, inlaid with symbolisms outlined in a mosaic of precious stones, their beautiful capitals and bases beaded with rows of scarabei—a sparkling gem let into the back of each bug. These scarabei were in themselves, aside from the gems they bore, of inestimable worth, for they were found in the left breast of the mummy of Queen Amenhotep (her heart having been removed to give place to them by the embalmers) by Mariette Bey, and presented to the Alexandria Shrine, of which he was a devoted member. The smallest of these altars would ransom a hundred princes; the largest would buy a kingdom! They are carefully guarded night and day by armed servitors of the Shrine. The yataghan used during the ceremony is a very meteor in its flashing curve, its handle and hilt encrusted with precious stones, its scabbard made from one solid slab of lapis lazuli dug out by long needle-like instruments in the patient hands of Damascus workmen after years of care and toil. The scepter used by the Grand Potentate was of solid gold, its crescent cut from a huge diamond. The chippings from this diamond stud the neck of the spear used by the First Ceremonial Master. The ritual of the Alexandria Mystics is as fervent and glowing as the Shrine appointments are celebrated and splendid.

In Tunis, the young and handsome ex-Prime Minister (who married a daughter of the Bey) is one of our most earnest and faithful Brothers. Intelligent, keen-thoughted, sunny-hearted, liberal-viewed, energetic and capable, he is a vigorous and splendid specimen of a Mohammedan Noble of our beloved Order. While my wife was being entertained by his beautiful wife, the Princess, in the hareem quarter of the palace, His Excellency gave me audience in his well-stocked library, whose windowed balcony overlooked the sun-bathed plain in which ancient Utica was once "pent up." He informed me of the growth and present strength of the Shrine in Tunis, adding that the very best of the wealthiest Tunisians were annually honoring themselves and enriching the Shrine by joining the world-girdling Brotherhood. Could I have remained a week longer in that olive-growing and smiling country, I should have been able to have witnessed a solemn conclave held amid the massive ruins of ancient Carthage itself — that renowned Carthage which was once the home of Hannibal, and whose queen was at one period the deathless Dido, concerning the manner of whose death our childhood's hours were often spent in questioning. Carthage is but half a dozen miles out of Tunis, and its famous cisterns, built by the old Carthagenians, are as substantial and leakless at this moment as they were upwards of two thousand years ago.

It may interest you to know that while in Tunis I visited the now empty grave of Illustrious Noble John Howard Payne, whose "Home, Sweet Home" made Payne's fame. Payne's bones lay here during thirty long years, and when Mr. Corcoran of Washington moved them to the United States, the grave was left in a most deplorable condition, and so continues. Something ought to be done to at least mark the spot, and I should be glad to make one of fifty or one hundred Nobles to place a suitable slab over the neglected tomb of this upright man, Mason, and Illustrious Noble. All the rest of the pretty cemetery is nicely cared for, and is aglow with many colored flowers and quaint-leaved shrubs.

I am in hopes before long to report that the Mystic seed planted in this wave-washed island of Malta has taken firm root, to sprout and blossom into illustrious fruition. It would be a grand place for a Shrine. Malta has a glorious lineage and a known record of thirty-eight hundred years. Only last week I saw and irreverently sat down on a veritable altar (pitted with the sacred marks of the ancients who sacrificed on it) still standing in the inclosure of a roofless temple erected by those hardy mariners who first peopled the island — the Phœnicians. The worship of Baal was consummated on this spot, called Hagier Khem, and seven Phœnician granite deities were lately excavated here, bearing a striking resemblance to the older of the Egyptian stone gods. Baal was worshiped here thirty-seven centuries ago.

Calypso's Cave is in this island, she whose praises Homer has anthemed in his stately Odyssey; and when I stood last Sabbath in the famous grotto where the mighty Ulysses was enchanted, I recalled the poet's lines in his Fifth Book:

"Large was the grot, in which the nymph he found
(The fair-hair'd nymph with every beauty crown'd).
She sate and sung; the rocks resound her lays,
The cave was brighten'd with a rising blaze;
Cedar and frankincense, an odorous pile,
Flamed on the hearth, and wide perfumed the isle;
While she with work and song the time divides,
And through the loom the golden shuttle guides.

. . . .

A scene, where, if a god should cast his sight,
A god might gaze, and wander with delight!"

Truth compels me, however, to say that only a poet with an ironclad imagination could have transformed this miserable water-dripping cavern into a goddess's bower.

It was in this island where the first great Christian orator was wrecked, and to this day the festa of St. Paul's disaster is celebrated each tenth of February by every man, woman, and child of the one hundred and fifty thousand Maltese who inhabit the island.

But nothing has added so much just renown to Malta as the deeds done here by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. The forts they built, the forty-foot thick ramparts and bastions, and the deep, rock-bottom moats they constructed, the solemn-faced churches and grand palaces they worshiped and lived in, the vast hospital, in which with their own knightly hands they gave skillful and tender care to the sick and wounded and dying of the island—all these, together with the recollections of their wonderful valor in battle and their undeviating devotion to the Red Cross Banner in peace and in war, on sea and land, give Malta a charm and a history that create it a shrine to all chivalric hearts of every nation and creed. It may be a bit of information for you to know that the longest single room in Europe, unsupported by pillars, is a sick ward in this Knights' Hospital, and it is 505 feet in length, 34 feet broad, and 30 feet in height.

Hence, I venture to hope that a Shrine of our Mystic Order may be erected on this right and tight little island at no very distant day.

The Maltese have much in common with the Arabs in all save religion. They are the stanchest of Roman Catholics, but their customs, their somewhat flowery language even in trifling matters, their manner of holding festivals, the style of music, the love of tales in which vivid imagery and redundant speech abound, the washing of feet before religious service, and a thousand and one small, nameless incidents of daily life, show how even the existence of the Maltese of the nineteenth century is still infected and colored by the long years of Arab occupation before the Christian era, when the Crescent was an emblem, and a carved pyramid on a house front was the synonym of the idea of eternal stability.

Before closing, Illustrious Brother, indulge me to relate in a few words an authentic incident which occurred at the late (first) battle of Teb, in the Soudan. It was told me by an Arab Noble of the Mystics, Omar el-Said by name, while we were journeying in company from Suakim to Suez. Omitting many minor but interesting details, and departing from the Oriental style of expression with which he made his narrative a perfect flower garden of speech, he said:

Ahmed Effendi Kadri was a Turkish soldier of fortune, whose love for the excitement and strife of battle arose more from a desire for diversion than from a thirst for blood. Fighting was a pastime to him, and from youth he had wandered from tribe to tribe through Arabia, volunteering wherever and whenever conflicts were imminent. He was a stalwart believer in Il-Islam, and performed his religious duties piously. He was an officer under Osman Digna in that general's battle with the forces of General Baker Pasha, of unsavory English railway reputation. While the conduct of Baker's Egyptian troops was such at that battle (Teb) that humanity's cheek mantled with shame at the story, there were, here and there, among Baker's officers, men of undoubted courage and chivalrous instincts. One such, in especial, was Badawy Mahmood, a Bashi-Bazook of local fighting fame, who, during the battle, after having been deserted by the cluster of followers under his immediate command, determined to die as became a warrior in whose veins coursed the blood of Mohammed Ali (that grand old man whose craggy splendor of person and intrepid prowess in bloody battles is still the theme of song and story in many an Arab camp and Kaah). Badawy's wounds were numerous, and his strength had been lessened with his blood; but being pressed to the point, he flung away his robes, placed the Crescent claws, that he wore suspended around his neck, over his heart, and making a feeble barricade of his dead horse, placed his back against a bowlder that had fallen from a cliff into the ravine in which he had been left, and then, baring

his brave and wounded breast to the yelling, spear-armed foes who were advancing on him with an avalanche-like impetuosity, he grasped his good sword—the only friend left him—and waited the final onslaught with an attitude that proudly said:

"This rock shall fly
From its firm base as soon as I!"

Badawy Mahmood well knew there was no hope of rescue for him. Flushed and crazed with their sudden victory over the enemies of El Mahdi, Badawy felt it would be useless to appeal at such a wild moment to their religious brotherhood—for the Soudanese, with himself, believed "there was no god but God, and that Mohammed was his prophet." Straight and true the brave fellow's sword did its crimson work of defense for several minutes, and the ground and horse before him were piled with "Moslem slain." During this tragic and unequal combat, Badawy's wounds from spear-thrusts were not few, but none had proved vital. With a fresh rush a dozen Soudanese, maddened by their repulse, flew at him again, and would certainly have put him to death but that Ahmed Effendi Kadri, the Turkish officer in command of the attacking party, to the amazement of his followers, suddenly leaped from his steed, and dashed between the plucky Bashi-Bazook and his own warriors, striking down their spears and shouting for them to desist. They did, but with reluctance, and retired a few yards.

Ahmed turned to his gallant enemy, touched the dangling Crescent with his finger, and, making the Shrine salutation, said eagerly:

"Es Selamu Aleikum!"

To which Badawy replied, dropping the point of his weapon:

"Aleikum es Selam!"

"Then it is true!" cried Ahmed; "thou art indeed my Brother. At the Mystic Shrine at Mecca we have met. It was I, O my Brother, who was thy Oriental Guide (Ayn), and conducted thee through the "Mysterious Realms" on the feast of Ramazan. But all now is well. Thou art a Noble Brother, and 'Robur et Furor' doth become thee well. But stay! Wilt thou have my life in requital for thy spilt blood? Say but the word, and by the Holy Koran, I die at thy feet."

"Nay, Brother," returned the brave Badawy, "Live; and if Allah spares this body of mine from the tomb, we will yet enjoy many blessed moments at the Shrine of the Written Law in heavenly Mecca!"

"God is good," reverently replied Ahmed.

"God is great," said Mahmood, and from that moment life and comfort and the choicest of care were secured to him.

"So," concluded Omar el-Said, grasping my hand effusively and giving me the Noble grip, "even in a gross and physical sense alone, it is a fine thing to be a Brother of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

"Amen," said I.

I have the honor to be, Illustrious Sir and Brother, yours in the noble cause,

JOHN WORTHINGTON,
Deputy and Representative of the Imperial Council
at Malta, Mediterranean Sea.

HISTORY OF THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

As has been intimated, the work of the Shrine in this country for the first few years of its existence had been spasmodic, but new Temples had been created and the mysteries communicated to or conferred upon the petitioning novices, who were required to be either Knights Templar or thirty-second degree Masons of the Scottish Rite (eighteenth degree in England).

The Imperial Grand Council was not held until the centennial year of this country, and the records of the work of the Shrine for the five preceding years are very incomplete. Up to this time only Mecca Temple was in existence. The first session of Mecca Temple was held at Masonic Hall, 114 East Thirteenth Street, New York, June 16, 1871, and by the authority of Dr. Fleming and W. J. Florence, the following Knights Templar and Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second or thirty-third degree were duly received into the Order:

Edward Eddy
James S. Chappell
Charles T. McClenachan
George W. Millar
Daniel Sickels
Oswald Merle D'Aubigne
John A. Moore
William S. Paterson
Albert P. Moriarty
John W. Simons
Sherwood C. Campbell

The necessary arrangements for the formation of a temple having been made, a regular session was called at the Masonic Hall on September 26, 1872, with all the above mentioned Nobles present except Nobles Florence and Campbell, and a temple was duly formed under the name of "Mecca." The original thirteen Nobles were named as charter members. Noble Florence sent letters of advice and instruction, and these, together with the history of the Order, the circumstances and authority for its appearance in America, were read and the following Divan chosen:

Walter M. Fleming, Illustrious Potentate.
Charles T. McClenachan, Chief Rabban.
John A. Moore, Assistant Rabban.
James S. Chappell, Treasurer.
William S. Paterson, Recorder.
Edward Eddy, High Priest and Prophet.
George W. Millar, Oriental Guide.
Oswald M. D'Aubigné, Captain of the Guard.

Only seven members, a mere quorum, were present at the next session, held January 12, 1874, in Masonic Hall. Nobles McClenachan, Moore, and Paterson were appointed a committee to revise and perfect the ritual, to facilitate the exemplification of the Order, and to prepare by-laws for the government of the temple.

The Order was conferred upon Brother George F. Loder, January 4, 1875, together with seven associates, and they were authorized to form a temple at Rochester, N. Y., under the name of Damascus, with a charter from Mecca Temple. The charter was indorsed by the Imperial Grand Council June 7 of the following year.

At a session held June 1, 1875, Brother Bensen Sherwood was created a Noble of Mecca Temple.

A session was also held at the New Masonic Hall, Twenty-third Street and Sixth Avenue, December 13, 1875, but no important business was transacted.

During the year 1875 Noble Fleming selected a number of prominent Masons of the necessary degree and invested them with the rights and prerogatives of Past Potentates for the purpose of establishing subordinate temples, and they were accredited as members of Mecca Temple until they joined another. The Order was thus conferred upon the following thirty-third degree Masons:

Orrin C. Welch, Syracuse, N. Y.
John D. Williams, Elmira, N. Y.
Charles H. Thomson, Corning, N. Y.
Townsend Fondey, Albany, N. Y.
John S. Dickerman, Albany, N. Y.

Robert H. Waterman, Albany, N. Y.
John F. Collins, New York City.
John L. Stettinius, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Vincent L. Hurlbut, Chicago, Ill.
Samuel Harper, Pittsburg, Pa.
George Scott, Paterson, N. J.

Nobles Campbell, Chappell, D'Aubigné, and Eddy passed into the Unseen Temple during 1874 and 1875, leaving only nine of the original thirteen charter members to carry on the work. It was now proposed to add a number of Masons to the temple for the advancement of the Order, and afterwards to form and institute a governing body for the jurisdiction, both of which were accomplished at the session held at Masonic Hall, June 6, 76, when twenty-five Masons were received, obligated, and en the Order of Nobility. This was followed by the formation the Imperial Council, with which the history will now deal.

FORMATION OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Pursuant to a call of the Past Potentates and legally constituted Nobles the following named assembled in the Masonic Hall in the city of New York on Nahar et Talata, the sixteenth day of the fifth Arabic month, Jamaz ul Awwal, 1293 A. H. (Tuesday, June 6, 1876 A. D.), at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of organizing "The Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America":

Noble Walter M. Fleming, Grand Potentate of Mecca Temple.
Noble Charles T. McClenachan, Mecca Temple.
Noble George W. Millar, Mecca Temple.
Noble John A. Moore, Mecca Temple.
Noble William S. Paterson, Mecca Temple.
Noble William V. Alexander, Mecca Temple.
Noble John E. Bendix, Mecca Temple.
Noble Edwin Du Laurans, Mecca Temple.
Noble Edward M. L. Ehlers, Mecca Temple.
Noble Peter Forrester, Mecca Temple.
Noble William Fowler, Mecca Temple.
Noble William D. May, Mecca Temple.
Noble Sidney P. Nichols, Mecca Temple.
Noble Aaron L. Northrop, Mecca Temple.
Noble James A. Reed, Mecca Temple.
Noble W. Wallace Walker, Mecca Temple.
Noble J. H. Hobart Ward, Mecca Temple.
Noble George F. Loder, Grand Potentate of Damascus Temple.
Noble Samuel R. Carter, Damascus Temple.
Noble George Scott, Paterson, N. J.

A temple was opened in due form, with Illustrious Walter M. Fleming, Grand Potentate of Mecca Temple, presiding. The following Nobles of Mecca Temple were shown by the roll-call to be absent: William J. Florence, Bensen Sherwood, Philip F. Lenhart, Charles P. Marrat, and Angelo Noziglia.

The Illustrious Grand Potentate announced the decease of the following Nobles, members of the original thirteen who had formed Mecca Temple: Noble Sherwood C. Campbell, in 1874; James S. Chappell, January 3, 1875; Oswald Merle D'Aubigné, January 9, 1875; Edward Eddy, December 18, 1875.

The Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the United States of America was then duly organized, and the following were elected for a term of three years:

OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Walter M. Fleming, Grand Potentate, New York, N. Y.
Very Illustrious George F. Loder, Deputy Grand Potentate, Rochester, N. Y.
Illustrious Philip F. Lenhart, Grand Chief Rabban, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Illustrious Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Assistant Rabban, New York, N. Y.
Illustrious William H. Whiting, Grand High Priest and Prophet, Rochester, N. Y.
Illustrious Samuel R. Carter, Grand Oriental Guide, Rochester, N. Y.
Illustrious Aaron L. Northrop, Grand Treasurer, New York, N. Y.
Illustrious William S. Paterson, Grand Recorder, New York, N. Y.
Illustrious Albert P. Moriarty, Grand Financial Secretary, New York, N. Y.
Illustrious John L. Stettinius, Grand First Ceremonial Master, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Illustrious Bensen Sherwood, Grand Second Ceremonial Master, New York, N. Y.
Illustrious Samuel Harper, Grand Marshal, Pittsburg, Pa.
Illustrious Frank H. Bascom, Grand Captain of the Guard, Montpelier, Vt.
Illustrious George Scott, Grand Outer Guard, Paterson, N. J.

By invitation the officers were then installed by Noble Charles T. McClenachan and the Imperial Grand Council was proclaimed duly organized.

A resolution was adopted, offered by Noble Edward M. L. Ehlers,—that the Grand Orient of the Imperial Council shall be in the city of New York.

On motion of Noble George F. Loder it was resolved that power be granted to each subordinate temple, now instituted, to confer the office and grade of Potentate upon five of its members for the purpose of creating Past Potentates for honorary membership in the Imperial Grand Council.

Nobles Charles T. McClenachan, Edward M. L. Ehlers, and J. H. Hobart Ward were appointed a committee for the purpose of drafting statutes and regulations for the government of the Imperial Grand Council, and this committee was also given power to act upon dispensations and charters.

On motion of Noble Edward M. L. Ehlers it was resolved that the fee for a charter to open a subordinate temple shall be fifty dollars, which shall include one copy of the ritual.

The annual dues were fixed at ten dollars a year in lieu of any per capita tax, payable by each subordinate temple under the jurisdiction of the Imperial Grand Council.

It was also decided, upon motion of Noble George W. Millar, that the minimum fee for initiation in subordinate temples should be ten dollars.

The prerequisites for the Order were outlined in the following resolution, offered by Noble George F. Loder and adopted:

> "*Resolved*, That the prerequisite for reception into the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the United States of America shall be that applicants shall be Knights Templar, according to the requirements of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America, as has prevailed previous to the organization of this Imperial Grand Council."

After further discussion, however, the following amendment, offered by Noble Edward M. L. Ehlers, was adopted:

> "*Resolved*, That a Mason of the thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, be also made a prerequisite for receiving the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, thus making the prerequisite for receiving the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine a Knight Templar or a thirty-second degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite."

Another resolution, offered by Noble Aaron L. Northrop, was as follows:

> "*Resolved*, That this Imperial Grand Council grant its first Charter to Mecca Temple, of the city of New York, N. Y., bearing date of September 26, 1872, it being the first regularly organized temple of the Order in the United States."

This brought to a close the proceedings of the first session of the Imperial Grand Council.

The second annual session of the Imperial Grand Council was held at the Masonic Temple in Albany, N. Y., on Nahar et Talata, the twenty-second day of the first Arabic month, Moharrum, 1294 A. H., corresponding to February 6, 1877 A. D. There were present when the Imperial Grand Council convened at 2 P. M.:

Most Illustrious WALTER M. FLEMING, Grand Potentate.
Illustrious GEORGE F. LODER, Deputy Grand Potentate.
Illustrious CHARLES H. THOMSON, as Grand Chief Rabban.
Illustrious JESSE B. ANTHONY, as Grand Assistant Rabban.
Illustrious WILLIAM H. WHITING, Grand High Priest and Prophet.
Illustrious OTIS COLE, as Oriental Guide.
Illustrious JOSEPH M. LEVÉY, as Grand Treasurer.
Illustrious WILLIAM S. PATERSON, Grand Recorder.
Illustrious THEODORE E. HASLEHURST, as Grand First Ceremonial Master.
Illustrious DAYTON BALL, as Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
Illustrious ROBERT H. WATERMAN, as Grand Marshal.
Illustrious WILLIAM H. GLADDING, as Grand Captain of the Guard.
Illustrious HERMAN H. RUSS, as Grand Outer Guard.

There were also present, Illustrious John S. Dickerman, Deputy, of Albany, N. Y.; Illustrious Townsend Fondey, Grand Potentate of Naja Temple; and Illustrious James H. Ten Eyck, Grand Potentate of Cyprus Temple. Visitors present included a large number of Nobles from Damascus, Naja, and Cyprus Temples.

The Imperial Council was opened in ample form, with due invocation and declaration, and on motion of the Grand Recorder it was moved that all members of the Order in good standing be invited to attend the session.

In his address at this session the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate said:

"Since the formation of the Imperial Grand Council, the entire time has been consumed in perfecting the matter necessary to form and open temples. So it will be observed that the Order in this country is comparatively in its incubation or infancy. I think we have every reason to be highly gratified and encouraged with our progress up to the present time. All who have received the Order are evidently exceedingly well pleased with the impressiveness of the ritualistic work and the sublime tenets of the Order. It could, no doubt, be made a most powerful Order, devoted to the welfare of Masonry in this country.

"It has been the design and desire of the Grand Council, as well as the entire membership subordinate, to make it a select Order, uncontaminated with discordant elements and unworthy membership. There should at least be one pure and clean branch of Ancient Craftsmen, select and free from the unappreciative and unworthy. We trust, therefore, that as it is a consummation most devoutly to be wished for, all will proceed with care, caution, and judgment, in regard to whom they honor with admission.

"By observing this sentiment, the Mystic Shrine will rapidly increase in strength, stature, and true popularity as an Order, doubly valuable because of its purity. There should not be an ambition to create fast, and increase the membership rapidly, but to proceed with great caution, to enlist only the faithful and desirable.

"I cannot close without expressing an earnest appreciation of my co-workers in the promulgation of the Order. To Illustrious Noble William J. Florence, Deputy at Large, are we all greatly indebted for his untiring zeal in aiding the perfection of the Order in America.

"Also to Illustrious Noble Charles T. McClenachan, for the able and efficient services rendered in aiding the perfection of the Statutes and Regulations.

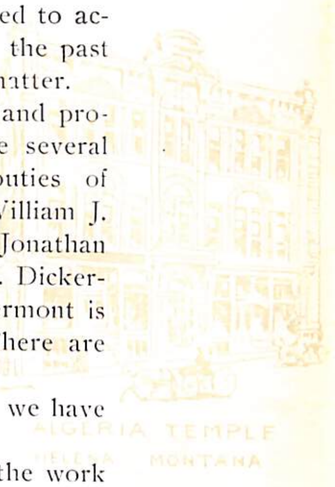
"Our praise and thanks are also eminently due (until better remunerated) to Illustrious Noble Albert P. Moriarty, our Financial Secretary, and Illustrious Noble William S. Paterson, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council. To Illustrious Noble Moriarty is due all praise for his valuable services in correspondence, and engrossing diplomas, dispensations, and charters. It is through the unwearied attention and efforts of Illustrious Noble Moriarty and Illustrious Noble Paterson that we have been enabled to accomplish so much for the advancement of the Order in the past few weeks, since the issue of our engraved and printed matter.

"We now have quite a number of temples formed and proceeding to work, and others in preparation. We have several representatives acting as Deputies at Large or Deputies of States. The Deputies at Large are Illustrious Noble William J. Florence, now in San Francisco, Cal.; Illustrious Noble Jonathan J. French, of Chicago, Ill.; and Illustrious Noble John S. Dickerman, of Albany, N. Y. The Deputy for the State of Vermont is Illustrious Noble Frank H. Bascom, of Montpelier. There are also numerous applicants for State Deputyships.

"The Order is assuming a prosperous condition, and we have every reason to be gratified with its progress.

"Mecca Temple, of New York, is not exemplifying the work at present, as the matter was left entirely to one or two others and myself, and my time has been so fully occupied with the duties of Most Illustrious Grand Potentate in promoting the establishment of temples, and the various requirements of the Imperial Grand Council, that it was impossible for me to carry on the work at home in a subordinate temple.

"Owing to the press of business in the hands of the financial secretary, a report cannot be rendered at this time of the exact



financial status of the Grand Council. The treasurer has had no funds thus far, but bills have been met through the financial secretary, as fast as receipts came in. Some of us have personally been called upon to meet a number of urgent debts against the Grand Council.

"By estimating an approximation to our financial status, I might say, perhaps, that the Grand Council is indebted at this time to the amount of three to five hundred dollars, which can soon be met, as dispensations are granted, diplomas issued, and dues paid in. A year hence we should be upon a firm foundation, progressing finely, with an exchequer of no small proportions."

Noble John S. Dickerman reported as Deputy at Large for Albany, that he had conferred the Order on a number of brethren of Troy to constitute Oriental Temple, of which Illustrious Noble Jesse B. Anthony was made the Grand Potentate.

Noble Townsend Fondey presented a grievance from Naja Temple, of Albany, in that a dispensation had been granted to Cyprus Temple, of Albany, without the cognizance of the former temple. This subject formed a matter of considerable debate, and the claims of both sides were fully aired. It was finally decided by the Imperial Council, upon motion of Noble Townsend Fondey, that the charter of Naja Temple be returned and a charter granted to Cyprus Temple.

On motion of Noble William H. Gladding a charter was granted to Damascus Temple, of Rochester, N. Y., to bear date of June 6, 1875, it having been organized under dispensation issued February 8, 1875.

ACTIVE MEMBERS CREATED

The Imperial Council then went into executive session, at which the following Nobles were proposed and elected to active membership in the Imperial Grand Council:

Noble Dayton Ball, Albany, N. Y.
Noble John S. Dickerman, Albany, N. Y.
Noble Townsend Fondey, Albany, N. Y.
Noble Erasmus D. Jones, Albany, N. Y.
Noble James H. Ten Eyck, Albany, N. Y.
Noble Robert H. Waterman, Albany, N. Y.
Noble Clinton F. Paige, Binghamton, N. Y.
Noble Charles H. Thomson, Corning, N. Y.
Noble John D. Williams, Elmira, N. Y.
Noble William J. Florence, New York City.
Noble Charles T. McClenachan, New York City.
Noble George W. Millar, New York City.
Noble John W. Simons, New York City.
Noble Orrin C. Welch, Syracuse, N. Y.
Noble Jesse B. Anthony, Troy, N. Y.
Noble Edward B. Cox, Troy, N. Y.

The newly elected members were then raised to the dignity of Past Potentate and constituted active members of the Imperial Council, bringing the membership up to fifty.

By vote of the Imperial Grand Council the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate was empowered to grant charters, in his discretion. Various standing committees were named by the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate to assist him in the duties of his office and the work of the Order.

The Committee on Statutes reported the following statutes and regulations of the Order, which were unanimously adopted:

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I

OF THE IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

Section 1. The Imperial governing body of the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall be styled "The Imperial Grand Council for the United States of America," and shall consist of thirteen officers, who shall be designated and take rank as herein mentioned; and who shall be elected by ballot at the Triennial Assembly, holding their offices until their successors are elected and installed:

1. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate.
2. The Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Potentate.
3. The Illustrious Grand Chief Rabban.
4. The Illustrious Grand Assistant Rabban.
5. The Illustrious Grand High Priest and Prophet.
6. The Illustrious Grand Oriental Guide.
7. The Illustrious Grand Treasurer.
8. The Illustrious Grand Recorder.
9. The Illustrious Grand First Ceremonial Master.
10. The Illustrious Grand Second Ceremonial Master, or Standard Bearer.
11. The Illustrious Grand Marshal.
12. The Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard.
13. The Illustrious Grand Outer Guard.

And twenty additional Illustrious Grand Potentates, who shall remain subscribing members of temples working under the authority of this Imperial Grand Council, and they shall be styled *Active Members*.

The officers shall be elected by a majority vote to fill such positions. The officers and members herein above mentioned shall alone be recipients of per diem and mileage when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Grand Council.

All Past Potentates who are contributing members of subordinate temples shall be *Associate Members* of the Imperial Grand Council, entitled to a seat in the Council, but not a vote, unless duly elected to such authority by unanimous vote of the Council, and then only for the triennial term.

Section 2. Each of the thirty-three officers and Potentates first above enumerated, elected by State Grand Councils, as hereinafter provided, shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all the proceedings of the Imperial Grand Council; except the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, who, in case of a tie, may give the casting vote. The Illustrious Grand Potentates shall be elected for three years.

Every subordinate temple, in regular session, shall, within six months of the triennial meeting for the election of officers of the Imperial Grand Council, elect three delegates to meet in a State Grand Council within three months of the said session of the Imperial Grand Council, when, upon organization, they shall immediately proceed, elect, and enthrone the State pro rata of Potentates to serve in the Imperial Grand Council for the succeeding three years.

Section 3. Any officer or active member of this Imperial Grand Council who shall remove and reside permanently out of its jurisdiction; be suspended or expelled by a subordinate temple; or found guilty of a criminal offense by any State court of justice, shall thereby have vacated his office.

POWERS

Section 4. The Imperial Grand Council being the supreme authority, its decisions on all questions appertaining to the Order shall be final. It shall have the exclusive right to control all the subordinate temples of the Order within the jurisdiction of the United States. It has power to enact laws, statutes, and regulations; to issue edicts; to amend or repeal the same; to grant dispensations and charters for holding temples of the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within this jurisdiction; to amend or revoke the same.

It may censure, suspend, and erase temples; try, discipline, suspend, or expel its members for violation and disobedience of its laws, rules, regulations, or edicts.

To fill vacancies created under Section 3 of this Article for the balance of the triennial term, by a majority vote, at a stated or special session; but such vacancy shall be filled by election from the State in which the vacancy was created.

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To promulgate the ritual; decide all appeals from its subordinates or their members; and do all lawful acts to promote the general interest of the Order.

OF SESSIONS

SECTION 5. The stated sessions of this Imperial Grand Council shall be held annually, in each calendar year, at such time and place as may have been decided at a previous session, and its elections shall be held at each triennial session.

SECTION 6. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate shall have power to call special sessions in any emergency, at any time and place in his discretion, due notice being given to each subordinate temple, and each member of this Imperial Grand Council, stating the business to be considered; and no other business, save that specified in the call or summons, shall be transacted.

COMMITTEES

SECTION 7. The following standing committees, of three members each, shall be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, who shall examine and report to the Council upon the several matters referred to them:

On the Transactions of the Grand Officers; on Dispensations and Charters; on Finance and Accounts; on Grievances and Appeals; on Jurisprudence and Laws; on Mileage and Pay of Representatives.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 8. The election for officers shall be held at such time during the triennial session as may be determined by the Imperial Grand Council.

VOW OF OFFICE

SECTION 9. The officers of this Imperial Grand Council, and of every subordinate temple in this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective duties, shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I, ———, do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the statutes, edicts, and regulations of the Imperial Grand Council of the United States."

DECISION OF QUESTIONS

SECTION 10. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, except alterations of these statutes, as hereinafter provided for.

GRAND POTENTATE—POWERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 11. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate shall be elected for the term of three years, and may be re-elected.

He shall preside over all stated and special sessions in this jurisdiction at which he is present, exercise a watchful supervision over all the subordinate temples, and see that the constitutional enactments, edicts, and regulations of this Imperial Grand Council are duly and promptly observed. The Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Potentate, in the event of the death, removal, or physical disability of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, shall act, with full power, in his place and stead, until the disqualification is removed. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be designated by his superior.

The Illustrious Chief Rabban and Illustrious Assistant Rabban, in the absence of their superiors, shall severally and respectively assume the responsibilities and discharge the duties of their said superior officers, according to rank. At all other times they shall discharge the duties traditionally appropriated to their respective stations.

OF DISPENSATIONS FOR TEMPLES

SECTION 12. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate shall have power, during the recess, to grant letters of dispensation to seven or more petitioners, properly recommended, possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This dispensation shall cease at the next annual session of the Imperial Grand Council, or be continued, recalled, or a charter granted by order of the Imperial Grand Council.

SECTION 13. No dispensation shall be issued unless the petition shall be recommended by the nearest temple of the Order, and the petitioners give satisfactory evidence of good standing, of a suitable place of meeting, of possessing or having the ability to procure proper furniture and paraphernalia for the use of the temple, and of being competent to conduct intelligently the ceremonies, work, and government thereof.

SECTION 14. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate may confer the Order "at sight," but only for the purpose of organizing new temples under dispensation, and the fees thereof shall be returned to this Imperial Grand Council, and the minimum fee in such cases shall be five dollars for each member.

The pro rata of Illustrious Grand Potentates, for each State, shall be designated by edict of this Imperial Grand Council.

OF THE GRAND TREASURER

SECTION 15. It is the duty of the Illustrious Grand Treasurer to attend all sessions of the Imperial Grand Council, with the books and papers of his office; receive all moneys from the Illustrious Grand Recorder, giving his receipt therefor. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him by the Imperial Grand Council; and, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond to the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate in the sum of one thousand dollars; and shall, at each annual session, render a correct account of his receipts and disbursements; and, at the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all moneys, books, papers, or other property that may be in his possession, or under his control, as Grand Treasurer.

OF THE GRAND RECORDER

SECTION 16. The Illustrious Grand Recorder shall attend all sessions of the Imperial Grand Council, and keep a true record of the proceedings of the same, proper to be written, and all dispensations and charters issued by its authority. He shall collect all revenue due the Imperial Grand Council, and pay the same to the Illustrious Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.

He shall make an annual report of his accounts, and also the returns of all subordinate temples, showing the present and past officers and members of each; also the admissions, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, resignations, and deaths. He shall have his books, papers, and accounts present at the opening of each annual session, prepared for examination by the Finance Committee; shall have in custody the official seal of the Imperial Grand Council, and affix it to all official communications; notify the members of the Imperial Grand Council of the annual and special sessions, and perform such other duties, appertaining to his office, as may be required; and at the expiration of his term of office, deliver to his successor all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to the Imperial Grand Council.

OF THE REMAINING OFFICERS

SECTION 17. The remaining officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned to them by the Imperial Grand Council of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate.

OF COMMITTEES

Transactions of the Grand Officers

I. They shall have charge of all the reports of the Grand Officers, with the documents referred to, and report, by resolution or otherwise, what action should be taken, if any, by the Imperial Grand Council.

Charters and Dispensations

II. They shall particularly examine the work and records of the temples, under dispensation or charter, and report to the Imperial Grand Council such action as they shall deem proper.

Finance

III. It shall be their duty to examine the books and vouchers of the Illustrious Grand Treasurer and Illustrious Grand Recorder, settle and balance the same, and report to the Imperial Grand Council the actual condition of the finances. All applications for a remission of fees and dues by subordinate temples shall be referred to this committee, who shall report thereon to the Imperial Grand Council.

Grievances and Appeals

IV. All matters of controversy and grievance brought before the Imperial Grand Council shall be referred to this committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report the action thereon to the Imperial Grand Council.

Jurisprudence and Laws

V. To them shall be referred all propositions to revise, alter, or amend the statutes, edicts, and regulations of the Imperial Granc

Council, as well as all other matters on questions of law or usage, and they shall report thereon, in writing, to the Imperial Grand Council.

FEES AND REVENUE

SECTION 18. The revenue of the Imperial Grand Council shall be derived from the following sources:

For every dispensation to form and open a temple, which shall include the charter, if afterward granted, fifty dollars ($50). For every Knight receiving the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall be paid two dollars ($2), (which includes a diploma of the Imperial Grand Council), which shall be forwarded immediately to the Illustrious Grand Recorder, who shall forthwith issue a diploma of the Imperial Grand Council. For each subordinate temple chartered, ten dollars ($10) per annum, and no per capita tax shall be levied by the Grand Body.

OF THE RITUAL

SECTION 19. The ritual, as promulgated by the Imperial Grand Council for the use of the Order in this jurisdiction of the United States, shall be adopted uniformly by every temple, and no alterations or additions shall be made in the ritual, except by authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate of the Imperial Grand Council, and any departure therefrom will be regarded as an indignity to the same.

ON REGALIA

SECTION 20. The badges, jewels, and uniform for each office in this Order, as promulgated by the Imperial Grand Council in the ritual and statutes, shall be strictly adhered to, and any variation therefrom will be a violation of these statutes.

EMBLEMS, JEWELS, AND COSTUMES

The emblems for altar drapery, Tomb, Banners, and Decorations, are the Pyramid, the Sphinx, the Crescent, and the Urn. In mourning drapery, the combination is the Sun with Rays, Moon and Stars.

Jewels: First, a Crescent charm, the original and universal emblem, formed by two nails or claws of a tiger, united at the base with gold band, and a ring to suspend it, forming a Crescent, emblematic of strength and fury, to be hung points downward (the Crescent may be made of silver, gold, pearl, or any material fancied by the owner). *The Sphinx Head, the Panther bodied Female Sphinx, the Pyramid, the Urn, etc., are characteristic jewels of the Order.*

COSTUMES AND JEWELS OF THE OFFICERS

(May be made plain or expensive, as desired)

GRAND POTENTATE.—(Velvet) Purple Robe or Domino, flowing sleeves, trimmed with yellow or gold braid, yellow or gold-cloth Sash; high purple and yellow silk or satin Turban, with Crescent gold and jeweled. Jeweled Scepter with Crescent at top.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with large gold-surfaced Sun with Rays, and a Frowning Face or Visage in the Sun, suspended from the left breast.

CHIEF RABBAN.—(Velvet) Bright Green Robe or Domino, full flowing sleeves, trimmed with purple, and broad purple Sash; green and purple Turban with Crescent at front.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with Silver Moon, faced, suspended from left breast.

ASSISTANT RABBAN.—(Velvet) Blue Robe or Domino, large flowing sleeves, trimmed with orange, broad orange Sash, blue and orange Turban, with Crescent at top.

Jewel of Office.—A Gold-faced Pyramid, covered with Silver Stars.

MOST HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET.—Robe, made of woven metal cloth, gilt, silver, and colored, like damask; flowing sleeves, and fringed, broad, gold and yellow woven metal cloth Sash; tall, white Turban, crown-shaped, yellow, gold, and black jeweled, and carries a Crosier.

Jewel of Office.—Large gold form of Book, or Scroll, with Pyramid on one page, in silver, and Crescent on the other; suspended about the neck, hanging in front on the breast.

ORIENTAL GUIDE.—(Velvet) Orange Robe or Domino, trimmed with purple; broad purple Sash, Belt and Sword. Orange and purple Turban, Crescent in front; carries long Arab Staff or Spear, trimmed at spearhead with orange and purple ribbons.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with gold-surfaced, panther-bodied, Female-headed Sphinx; suspended from left breast.

TREASURER.—Brown or snuff-colored Robe or Domino, trimmed with purple; Turban, same material.

Jewel of Office.—Gold-surfaced Pyramid, with two Silver Keys on face; suspended from left breast.

RECORDER.—Light Brown Robe or Domino, trimmed with green; Turban, same material.

Jewel of Office.—Gold-surfaced Pyramid, with two Silver Quill Pens on face; suspended from left breast.

FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER.—Light Gray Robe or Domino, flowing sleeves, trimmed with black; Turban, same material; Sash, Belt, Sword, and Spear.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with a pair of Crossed Silver Spears suspended from left breast.

SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER, OR STANDARD BEARER.—Dark Gray Robe or Domino, flowing sleeves, all trimmed with blue; Turban, same material; Sash, Belt, and Sword.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with two Silver Guidon Banners, or Flags, on Staff, suspended from left breast; also carries Spear.

MARSHAL.—White Robe or Domino, trimmed with orange, flowing sleeves, orange Sash, and carries a Baton, or Rod of Direction; Turban, white, orange, and gold-bound.

Jewel of Office.—A Pyramid, with a gold Sphinx Head, with large Crescent, with base on top of head, and points up; suspended from left breast.

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.—Dark Green Robe or Domino, flowing sleeves, trimmed with yellow; Turban, same material; yellow Sash; Belt and Sword.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with two Silver Crossed Scimiters; suspended from left breast.

OUTER GUARD.—Dark Blue Robe or Domino, trimmed with purple; Turban, same material; purple Sash; Belt and Sword.

Jewel of Office.—Pyramid, with one Silver Scimiter; suspended from left breast.

Costumes for additional inside officers and members for secret work will be found in the ritual.

ENTHRONEMENT

SECTION 21. Previous to the enthronement of a Potentate elect, the Imperial Grand Council requires his assent to the following Ordinances, viz.:

First. Do you solemnly vow upon your honor, that you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine?

Second. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order, and preserve the solemnity of our ceremonies with profound respect and reverence?

Third. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any temple that does not work under constitutional authority as recognized by the Imperial Grand Council?

Fourth. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the Imperial Grand Council for the United States, and enforce obedience to its statutes, edicts, and regulations?

Do you submit to all these ordinances, and promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

ARTICLE II

SUBORDINATE TEMPLES — HOW CONSTITUTED

SECTION 1. All regular subordinate bodies of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are termed temples, and shall consist of the following officers:

1. Illustrious Grand Potentate.
2. Illustrious Chief Rabban.
3. Illustrious Assistant Rabban.
4. Illustrious High Priest and Prophet.
5. Illustrious Oriental Guide.
6. Illustrious Treasurer.
7. Illustrious Recorder.
8. Illustrious First Ceremonial Master.
9. Illustrious Second Ceremonial Master, or Standard Bearer.
10. Illustrious Marshal.
11. Captain of the Guard.
12. Outer Guard.

And as many members as the temple may admit.

The first seven officers shall be elected annually by ballot. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Illustrious Grand Potentate.

SECTION 2. The Illustrious Grand Potentate is specially charged to see that the by-laws of his temple are duly observed, as well as the Constitutions, Statutes, and Regulations of the Imperial Grand Council; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Imperial Grand Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid; that not less than two sessions are held annually, of which one shall be held in December.

SECTION 3. The fee for the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall not be less than ten dollars.

SECTION 4. No application for the Order shall be received, unless the applicant is a regular Knight Templar, according to the requirements of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States of America, or a thirty-second degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

SECTION 5. The duties of the officers of the temple shall be those assigned to them in the ritual, and as traditionally appropriated to them respectively, as also those defined in the statutes.

SECTION 6. If, upon the balloting for a candidate, subsequent to a favorable report, a black ball shall appear, another ballot shall immediately be had, but no more; upon the appearance of a black ball a second time, the candidate shall be declared rejected, and disqualified from making a second application for thirteen weeks.

Special sessions may be called by the Grand Potentate, but no business can be transacted save that specified in the call. At special sessions no petitions for the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, or affiliations, can be received; nor can the ballot be spread for candidates; nor can the funds of the temple be voted away.

All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes. Should there be a tie, the presiding officer may give the casting vote.

No appeal shall lie to the session from the decision of the Potentate.

SECTION 7. Every temple formed in this jurisdiction shall select an ancient Arabic or Egyptian name, according to the ancient laws of the Order. List of names will be found in the ritual from which to select.

SECTION 8. Every temple in this jurisdiction shall have a seal, giving the name thereof, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Illustrious Grand Recorder.

MEMBERS

SECTION 9. Membership may be terminated by voluntary dimission, on payment of all indebtedness to the temple; or by expulsion, after due trial, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken.

SECTION 10. Membership is suspended by a member uniting in the formation of a temple under dispensation, and dissolved by the granting of a charter to the new temple, unless the member gives notice in writing, or personally in open session, at or before the surrender of the dispensation, of his intention to resume his former membership. A member can be in active membership in but one temple at the same time.

Honorary membership can be conferred by subordinate temples upon any member of this Order, by a majority vote, as a compliment; but such membership confers no rights or privileges.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 11. Each temple shall hold its annual election at the first stated session in December, and the installation of officers shall take place on the first succeeding session.

SECTION 12. Every subordinate temple shall, on or before the 15th day of January in each year, transmit to the Illustrious Grand Recorder, in such form as shall be furnished, its annual return, accompanied by the dues to the Imperial Grand Council, viz., ten dollars ($10) annual payment to the Grand Body.

Any temple neglecting or refusing to make its annual returns on or before January 15, accompanied by fees and dues, shall be notified thereof; and if, after three months' notice, it fail to fully comply, it shall be suspended until restored by a vote of the Imperial Grand Council.

SECTION 13. When a temple is disbanded or dissolved by neglecting to make its returns, or pay its dues, or by improper conduct, or by death or resignation of its members, it shall be the duty of the last Illustrious Grand Potentate, Treasurer, and Recorder, within three months after its dissolution, to surrender to the Grand Recorder the warrant, books, papers, jewels, furniture, and funds of such temple, together with an inventory thereof. No Knight of such temple shall be admitted into any other temple, nor entitled to the benefits of the Brotherhood, until he shall have paid to the Illustrious Grand Recorder all his arrears.

SECTION 14. The suspension or expulsion of a Knight Templar in his Commandery, or a thirty-second S. P. R. S. in his Consistory shall, *ipso facto*, cause his suspension or expulsion from his temple in this Order. His reinstatement by the Commandery or Consistory restores him to his previous standing in this Order.

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 15. Proposed alterations or amendments to these Statutes shall be in writing, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, who shall report at the next Annual Assembly, and it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to adopt the same.

THIRD SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

The third session of the Imperial Grand Council was held in the Masonic Temple, New York, on Leylet el Khamis, the fourth day of the second Arabic month, Safar, 1295 A. H., answering to Wednesday, February 6, 1878 A. D., at 8 o'clock P. M.

After the opening of the session in ample form, with due invocation and declaration, the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate reported that during the year a charter had been granted to Oriental Temple of Troy, N. Y., and that it was in a flourishing condition. Dispensations were also issued to form Mohammed Temple of New Haven, Conn.; to form Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport, Conn.; to form Syria Temple of Pittsburg, Pa., and to form Ziyara Temple of Utica, N. Y. Many inquiries had been made throughout the United States in relation to the Order, and the Most Illustrious Potentate reported the prospects favorable for its prosperity.

FOURTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

Masonic Temple, Albany, N. Y., was the scene of the session of the Imperial Grand Council on Nahar el Khamis, the twelfth day of the second Arabic month, Safar, 1296 A. H., answering to Wednesday, February 5, 1879 A. D. The work of the year was reviewed in the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, interesting parts of which are here quoted:

"Little has evidently been achieved, either in our financial status or the perfection of our work. Still, however, embarrassed as it may now appear, we should not despair, as it is the universal and inevitable result of the calamitous apathy of all branches of business, even where men devote almost their entire time to promote its prosperity and success, and too often without a continued existence of the daily calling in which they may be engaged. Consequently, all the associations of alliance have more or less keenly felt the depressing influence thus accruing from a world's embarrassment in all its resources and interests. We must therefore calmly accept the situation, in common with the masses, and remember that, if such a large representation of allianced bodies, and of such age and strength as many we could name, even under deeper depression than this Institution, many of which have been compelled to succumb to the decimating influences of the present stringent time, and those who survive, are still suffering from lack of interest in their membership, and, consequently, empty coffers, we should at least feel thankful that we still exist, and not without prospect of a speedy success and a growing popularity.

"The crisis of the almost paralyzed commerce of the world, we trust, has passed, and we may now hopefully look for a revival in all branches, and a wholesome return to prosperity and plenty. And we even now have every reason to believe that the success and advancement of the Order of the Shrine will be numbered among the first to make rapid strides toward perfect position, and there stand second to none in the country."

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate then paid tribute to the fraternal dead, whose names included Illustrious Brothers Oswald Merle D'Aubigné, 32°; Edward Eddy, 33°; S. C. Campbell, 32°, J. S. Chappell, 32°; John A. Moore, 32°; Eugene B. Fairchild, 32°; Orrin Welch, 33°.

Taking up the matter of charters and dispensations the Most Illustrious Potentate said:

"As there has been no detailed report submitted to this Imperial Grand Council during its brief existence, perhaps it would be most proper to give, at this time, an entire recapitulation of all that transpired under this head since the formation of this Imperial Grand Council.

"The first subordinate temple was authorized in the city of New York, known under the name of Mecca Temple.

"Second, Damascus Temple, in the city of Rochester, N. Y.
"Third, Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.
"Fourth, Mt. Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt.
"Fifth, Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio.
"Sixth, Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y.
"Seventh, Naja Temple, Albany, N. Y.
"Eighth, Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.
"Ninth, Mohammed Temple, New Haven, Conn.
"Tenth, Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.
"Eleventh, Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa.
"Twelfth, Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y.
"Thirteenth, Medina Temple, Atchison, Kan.
"Fourteenth, Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

"These temples have each been duly organized under dispensation, and nearly all have been duly chartered. There have been several applications for dispensations, which were not granted, in consequence of non-compliance with some one or more requirements of the Statutes and Regulations. Therefore, negotiations were closed until such time as the Imperial Grand Council should hold its annual session, and dispose of the applications under constitutional authority. . . .

"Many of these temples, whose jurisdiction lies far distant from our Grand East, or Oriental Center, have been created by 'Letters Patent,' that being the only means whereby our distant Brethren could consistently obtain authority for inaugurating their work. This process has necessarily subjected your presiding officer to the issuing of an endless succession of communications of instructions, directions, and advices, in order to satisfy all demands and answer all inquiries."

ALTERATIONS OF RITUAL

"In the primary stage of our adoption of the ritual," said Dr. Fleming in another part of his address, "much care was necessary to apply it acceptably to modern, and particularly American, institutions and their requirements. This was agreeably accomplished, but after more mature experience in the work, we find still many improvements suggest themselves, and readily conceive the feasibility of rendering the esoteric work far more consistent, and thereby more impressive to an 'Anglo-Saxon' mind. Such alterations as are deemed advisable have already been marked out by your Committee on Ritual, and I would respectfully commend the ritual as amended to your indorsement, after being submitted to your inspection, or intrust it to the care of same committee, with power of presenting it as the authentic and constitutionally adopted work, their experience having been such as to ably qualify them for the issue of a most desirable, consistent, and meritorious conception of the requirement.

"I would also suggest the propriety and expediency of issuing a revised copy of the history of the Order, for the advancement of the interests of the Institution."

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate reported with reference to the unfortunate misunderstanding between the two subordinate bodies in Albany in regard to the propriety of their existence, and it was happily settled by Naja Temple voluntarily relinquishing the field to Cyprus Temple.

The question of jurisdiction of temples was discussed at this session, and Noble Sam Briggs offered this resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the jurisdiction of a subordinate temple shall include no more than the territory under the jurisdiction of two adjacent commanderies of Knights Templar, of distinct and separate jurisdictions, or the territory under the cognizance of a body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite."

This resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

At an executive session of the Imperial Grand Council, the following Nobles were proposed for active membership, and the vote being favorable, they were duly raised to the dignity of Past Potentates and the executive session was closed:

Noble FRANK W. ANGEL, Davenport, Iowa.
Noble BRENTON D BABCOCK, Cleveland, Ohio.
Noble SAM BRIGGS, Cleveland, Ohio.
Noble WILLIAM FOWLER, New York City.
Noble FRAZIER W. HURLBURT, Utica, N. Y.

The resignations of the following active members were received, as they were unable to perform their duties as officers of the Imperial Grand Council:

Noble PHILIP F. LENHART, Grand Chief Rabban.
Noble JOHN L. STETTINIUS, Grand First Ceremonial Master.
Noble BENSEN SHERWOOD, Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
Noble FRANK H. BASCOM, Grand Captain of the Guard.
Noble GEORGE SCOTT, Grand Outer Guard.

The election of Nobles to the vacancies followed, and the divan was completed and installed. The officers chosen were:

Noble EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Chief Rabban.
Noble SAM BRIGGS, Grand Assistant Rabban.
Noble BRENTON D. BABCOCK, Grand First Ceremonial Master.
Noble WILLIAM FOWLER, Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
Noble FRAZIER W. HURLBURT, Grand Captain of the Guard.
Noble FRANK W. ANGEL, Grand Outer Guard.

STRENGTH OF THE ORDER

The report of the Illustrious Grand Recorder gave the following interesting information:

Number of active members February 6, 1877........	30
Number died....................................	1
Number resigned at this session....................	5

Number of active members elected at this session	6
Total number of active members to date	30
Number of deputies	13
Number of temples to date	13

Following is the membership of the temples to December 31, 1878:

Al Koran, Cleveland	35
Cyprus, Albany	36
Damascus, Rochester	154
Mecca, New York	69
Medina, Atchison	10
Mohammed, New Haven	10
Mount Sinai, Montpelier	13
Oriental, Troy	12
Pyramid, Bridgeport	12
Pyramid, Davenport	16
Syria, Pittsburg	37
Syrian, Cincinnati	9
Ziyara, Utica	12
Total	425

FIFTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

The fifth session of the Imperial Council met in the Masonic Temple, in Albany, on Nahar el Khamis, the twenty-second day of the second Arabic month, Safar, 1297 A. H., answering to Wednesday, February 4, 1880, A. D.

The annual address of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate contained a review of the progress since the last session and included these paragraphs:

"Although many of the subordinate temples still remain inactive, and confer the three sections of our Order by communication, I am gratified to state that some, far more energetic and active than their sister temples, are fully and completely equipped with costumes, regalia, paraphernalia, and all the requisite mechanism for the full exemplification of the ceremonies in all its detail, and are conferring the Order in commendable and impressive form, which, with the appropriate music, impress all who have witnessed it most favorably, and the liveliest interest is manifested, and the roll of applications for membership comprises a list of such magnitude as to palpably attest the favor with which it is received.

"The attendance is invariably very large, the work finely rendered, and the manifest appreciation of the same is evident from the rapidly increasing membership and the unlimited praises of all who enter our portals. And if the subordinate temples, which are now in comparative apathy, would but proceed to equip and exemplify the Order as provided in our ritual, a prompt and speedy interest and enthusiasm would occur, unsurpassed by the rendition of this work in any Order extant.

"The popularity which it has already achieved, and which it undoubtedly merits, would continue to establish itself, and the Mystic Shrine would stand second to none in strength and stature, that would defy the innovation of time and the storms of persecution.

"The proper rendition of the work, comprising, as it does, the most impressive ceremonies and beautiful music, cannot fail to enlist the fullest appreciation of all who witness it, thereby awakening a zealous interest in the rite. And the day is not far distant when the name of the Shrine will be hailed with favor and commendation, the length and breadth of our land."

TRIBUTE TO AL KORAN

"Our Brother Nobles of Al Koran Temple, of the city of Cleveland, Ohio, deserve particular compliment and honorable mention, as being foremost in elaborate equipment and faultless rendition of the ceremonials of our Order. It was this temple which gave impetus and encouragement to our work, and no effort nor expense has been spared by them to do full justice to the entire ritualistic details provided by the Imperial Grand Council; ever adhering to all the requirements of our Statutes and Regulations, in each and every particular, together with their far-famed exemplification of the Order, with their valuable acquisitions to the same in the way of music and scenic effects; and last, but by no means least, their sumptuous and unlimited hospitality have placed them *first* in our ranks, as the parent temple of all the subordinate bodies. I regard them, therefore, as most worthy the congratulations, praise, and recognition of this Imperial Grand Council, for their unwearied zeal in bringing their work to such perfection.

"I therefore respectfully commend to the favorable expression of this Council, Illustrious Noble Sam Briggs, and his cohort of efficient officers, for their devotion to the welfare and best interests of the Order."

MECCA TEMPLE AWAKES FROM LETHARGY

"The work rendered in Al Koran Temple has proven an incentive to promote the equipment and rendition of the ceremonies in other temples; and I am gratified to be able to report that Mecca Temple, of the city of New York is now exemplifying the work in full Arabic costume, and all the prescribed paraphernalia, with the perfect and requisite mechanism and scenes. The official corps have proven themselves equal to all the requirements of the ritual, and the entire success of the body is an established fact.

"This Temple has, within the last month, conferred the Order in full upon nearly one hundred candidates; and the liveliest interest is manifested in the ceremonies, not only by the membership of the Temple itself, but constant inquiries and propositions from novices are pouring in upon us, and the prospect of work, far into the summer coming, is brightening on all sides."

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate exhorted the Nobles having the constitutional authority to devote their time to the awakening of an interest in the Order, and cited this instance of how Mecca was brought from stagnation into activity:

"Mecca Temple, of New York, commenced their studies and equipment in December last. The officers at once mastered the ritual, and every requirement prepared for the work, in perfect order, the first week in January. Two rehearsals were held, and on Friday, January 9, the Order was exemplified in full form, and again on Friday, January 23; and the pecuniary obligations of the temple, assumed for all equipment, amounting to several hundred dollars, liquidated from the receipts of these two sessions, although the Order was conferred at the minimum fee of ten dollars.

"The body now stands fully, substantially, and beautifully equipped, free from the embarrassments of debt, and the list of candidates continues to increase, promising as large an acquisition to our numbers as at each preceding session.

"The most enthusiastic interest prevails, and the Mystic Shrine is a feature in the metropolis. The press have published the history of the Order, notices and extracts appear from all quarters, and our foundation is firm from the start."

During the year, Illustrious Noble Jonathan J. French, 33°, who was made a Deputy for Illinois, died at his home in Chicago, and fitting remarks were made in the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate.

The year showed no increase in the number of temples, but the financial and industrial depression which had hung over the country was slowly lifting, and the Illustrious Grand Potentate saw brighter times ahead for the Order of the Mystic Shrine. Applications had been received for deputyships in Colorado and California, but authority was withheld. Two of the temples previously chartered had failed to liquidate the required fee, which matter was referred to the Imperial Grand Council.

Some of the Deputies had been delinquent, and these delinquencies were also urged upon the Imperial Grand Council.

The Imperial Grand Council, on motion of Noble Edward M. L. Ehlers, resolved that all delinquencies must be met by May 1, and the Illustrious Grand Recorder was also instructed to notify every temple and Deputy of the requirement of an initiation fee of two dollars for each member, to accompany the annual report.

Because of the community of interests and the fact that the membership in the Order was drawn solely from Masonic channels, it was decided upon the recommendation of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate and the motion of Noble Edward M. L. Ehlers, that the annual sessions should hereafter be held in New York in the month of June, and during the communications of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

The Ritual Committee was given plenary power to act and publish the revisions found necessary or advisable to make in the ritual, and the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate was given plenary power to publish the history and previous proceedings of the Imperial Grand Council.

Noble Joseph B. Eakins and Noble Charles W. Torrey were both elected to active membership and raised to the dignity of Past Potentates, and the triennial election of officers followed. The result was the selection of the following official divan:

Most Illustrious Walter M. Fleming, Grand Potentate, New York City.

Very Illustrious George F. Loder, Deputy Grand Potentate, Rochester, N. Y.

Illustrious Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Chief Rabban, New York City.

Illustrious Sam Briggs, Grand Assistant Rabban, Cleveland, Ohio.

Illustrious William H. Whiting, Grand High Priest and Prophet, Rochester, N. Y.

Illustrious Frazier W. Hurlburt, Grand Oriental Guide, Utica, N. Y.

Illustrious Aaron L. Northrop, Grand Treasurer, New York City.

Illustrious William S. Paterson, Grand Recorder, New York City.

Illustrious Albert P. Moriarty, Grand Financial Secretary, New York City.

Illustrious Brenton D. Babcock, Grand First Ceremonial Master, Cleveland, Ohio.

Illustrious William Fowler, Grand Second Ceremonial Master, New York City.

Illustrious Edward B. Cox, Grand Marshal, Troy, N. Y.

Illustrious John S. Dickerman, Grand Captain of the Guard, Albany, N. Y.

Illustrious Charles W. Torrey, Grand Outer Guard, New York City.

The officers were duly installed, and a resolution was adopted choosing June 2, 1880, in New York City, for the next session of the Imperial Grand Council.

The report of the Illustrious Grand Recorder showed a net increase in the membership of but 13, making the total number of Nobles 438. Mecca, however, had jumped to 77 members.

SIXTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

This session was held at Temple Hall, No. 117 West Twenty-third Street, New York City, on Nahar el Khamis, the twenty-second day of the sixth Arabic month, Jamaz ul Akhir, 1297 A. H., answering to Wednesday, June 2, 1880 A. D.

The attendance was larger than usual, and the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, reviewing the work since the last session, was listened to with interest. One new temple had been formed since the session in February,—Moslem, in Detroit. Dr. Fleming also reported that he had invested Noble Thomas J. Shryock, of Baltimore with constitutional authority to represent the Order in Maryland, and constituted him as Deputy for that State. Noble D. Burnham Tracy was made the Deputy for Michigan. A charter was granted Moslem Temple soon after the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate had been approved.

The following resolution, regulating jurisdiction over applicants, was offered by Noble Charles W. Torrey and adopted:

> "*Resolved*, That any applicant for initiation and membership in a subordinate temple without the jurisdiction of the State of his residence, where there is already established a temple, shall not be received without the permission of such temple."

The session was brought to an early close, and at 8 o'clock in the evening Mecca Temple exemplified the ceremonies of the Order in full form, which was attended by the Imperial Grand Council and about two hundred Nobles, the largest gathering up to this time in the United States of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A notable banquet followed the ceremonial.

SEVENTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

The seventh annual session of the Imperial Grand Council was also held in Temple Hall on Nahar el Khamis, the twelfth day of the seventh Arabic month, Rajab, 1298 A. H., answering to Thursday, June 9, 1881 A. D.

The annual address of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate reviewed carefully the events of the year, and some striking paragraphs here quoted show the development of the Order and the gradual breaking down of the chaotic condition into which the Order had fallen several times and a lack of appreciation of the beauties of the ritual, when rendered with costumes and music.

"On March 20, 1881, I issued a dispensation to Cyprus Temple to hold a special election of officers, and the result was, I am informed, entirely satisfactory.

"Damascus Temple, of the city of Rochester, N. Y., having failed to hold their annual election of officers, as prescribed by the statutes, I issued dispensation authorizing them to hold their election May 25, 1881, which, I doubt not, was fulfilled."

NO FUNDS TO PRINT RITUAL

"In regard to our ritual, a resolution was passed at our last annual session to adopt the revised and corrected ritual. This was carried, but our exchequer, as yet, has not been equal to the requirement.

"We now have a corrected, revised, and undoubtedly a perfect ritual, and it is much to be regretted that we have not been able to issue the same to all the temples of the Order.

"No time or pains were spared to make this esoteric work all that could be desired. It now only remains to have it produced in printed form, and this was hoped to have been consummated before this session; but our finances would not warrant the order."

The resignations of the following active members were received:

Noble Samuel R. Carter
Noble Samuel Harper
Noble Clinton F. Paige
Noble John W. Simons
Noble Charles H. Thomson
Noble J. H. Hobart Ward
Noble John D. Williams

These were accepted, and the following Nobles were elected to active membership and raised to the dignity of Past Potentates, thus making them members of the Supreme Council:

Noble Charles H. Heyzer, New York City.
Noble Julius W. Knowlton, Bridgeport, Conn.
Noble Frank H. Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

Noble John H. Gray was appointed Deputy for the State of California. The following amendment to the by-laws on the subject of suspension of expulsion, offered by Noble Charles W. Torrey, was referred to the Imperial Council as a Committee of the Whole, and adopted:

"*Resolved*, That in Article II, Section 14, the clause reading, 'shall, *ipso facto*, cause his suspension or expulsion from *his temple in* this Order,' be amended by striking out the words, 'his temple in.'"

STATUS OF THE ORDER

The report of the Grand Recorder furnished the following statistics:

Active members in 1880	32
Elected at this session	3
Active members in 1881	28
Past active members	14
Deputies	19
Temples	14

The membership of these temples was 587, an increase of 149, of which 114 were to the credit of Mecca Temple.

In the evening the Imperial Grand Council, in full form, witnessed the full ceremony of the Mystic Shrine conferred on a large number of candidates in Mecca Temple, and afterwards participated in the banquet provided for the occasion.

EIGHTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

The eighth annual session was held at Al Beyt Ullahi 'l-Haram of Mecca Temple in the Masonic Temple in New York City, on Nahar el Arbaa, the 20th day of the seventh Arabic month of Rajab, A. H. 1299, corresponding to June 7, A. D. 1882. The notice for this session brought out the information that the new ritual had been printed and copies would be exchanged for each copy of the old ritual. The price for additional copies was fixed at five dollars.

To this session, besides the active members and State and other deputies, the following temples sent representatives, as appears before the names of the temples:

Noble William E. Fitch, Cyprus Temple.
Noble William H. Whiting, Damascus Temple.
Noble Walter M. Fleming, Mecca Temple.
Noble D. Burnham Tracy, Moslem Temple.
Noble Julius W. Knowlton, Pyramid Temple (Bridgeport).
Noble Charles Henry Flach, Syrian Temple.
Noble Frazier W. Hurlburt, Ziyara Temple.

The annual address of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate plainly showed the advancement of the Order and the renewed interest manifested. Dr. Fleming was moved to remark:

"Those who have been so fortunate as to be admitted and assumed 'the Arab's Vow,' are palpably our most enthusiastic disciples, and the most demonstrative appreciators of our esoteric ceremonials. Our emblems are becoming numerous, and the Crescent is in the ascendant. Our banners are decorating new temples and new fields. New honors evidently await us, and the rapid creation of the Sons of the Desert evince the increasing strength and stature of the Shrine.

"And we trust the day is not far distant when the Crescent, the Templar Cross, and the Prussian Eagle will stand intermingled throughout the length and breadth of the Old and New Worlds, when the Tripod of Foundation, Stability, and Longevity will rest indestructible, one each in the insignia of these three great institutions, that shall defy battle, age, or decay. The fealty and zeal of our disciples will assure this ultimatum."

Four temples were by this time working and exemplifying the work,—Mecca, Al Koran, Syrian, and Moslem. Moslem Temple was visited by all the officers and several members of Mecca Temple, numbering twenty-three, and the work fully rendered, both afternoon and evening. There were, however, at this time, on record eleven other temples which had not yet conferred the work in ceremonial form, but had merely communicated it, and the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate hoped the Imperial Grand Council would find a way whereby they might be induced to provide suitable paraphernalia and make an effort to work the ceremonies. To Nobles Joseph B. Eakins (Mecca Temple) and Sam Briggs (Al Koran Temple) as well as the working officers at headquarters, Dr. Fleming gave credit for the enthusiasm and advancement that had already been obtained.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate spoke feelingly of and paid tributes to the memory of the two Nobles claimed by death during the year. One of these was the Illustrious Deputy of Ottawa, Canada, T. Douglas Harington, 33°, who died January 13, 1882. The other was Noble Townsend Fondey, 33°, of the city of Albany, who died May 19. Noble Fondey was the first Potentate in Najah Temple, in Albany.

The further growth of the Order was shown by the report of the Illustrious Grand Recorder, Mecca now having 312 members; Al Koran, 84; Cyprus, 38; Pyramid (Davenport, Iowa), 27; Moslem, 26; Syrian, 22; Pyramid (Bridgeport, Conn.), 16; Ziyara, 12; Mount Sinai, 11; Damascus, 148; Oriental, 16. No reports for the year 1881 were made by Damascus, Medina (Atchison, Kan.), Mohammed, Oriental or Syria.

Receipts for dues and fees were $320.

Noble Charles Roome, of New York City, was elected an active member to fill the place made vacant by the death of Noble Townsend Fondey. The following were also elected to active membership: Nobles Albert G. Goodall, New York City; D. Burnham Tracy, Detroit; William B. Melish, Cincinnati; William E. Fitch, Albany; and Joseph M. Levéy, New York City.

All were present except Noble Melish of Cincinnati, and were duly raised to the dignity of Past Potentate. This again made the active membership 33.

Various resolutions which had been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws were favorably reported and adopted. One of these adopted the style of "Imperial Council for the United States of America," omitting the word "Grand," which had heretofore been used. Its membership was limited to "active members," not exceeding one for each State and Territory in the United States. The first four officers of all subordinate temples in each State and Territory were required, within one month of the triennial session of the Imperial Council, to select three active members for the succeeding triennial term. When temples have been established in more than twelve and less than twenty-two States and Territories, they shall select two active members for the succeeding triennial term. When temples have been established in more than twenty-two States and Territories they shall select one active member for the succeeding triennial term.

Nine active members were constituted a quorum. Every State was entitled to one Deputy, but in no case were there to be more than five Deputies in any one State. The powers of Deputy were limited to the State in which he resided, unless specially authorized by the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate or the Directory in a specific transaction.

Dues to the Imperial Council from the subordinate temples were fixed at $10 annually for the first 100 members, $20 between 101 and 200; $30 between 201 and 300, $40 between 301 and 400, and $10 for every hundred members or less in addition to the above.

CONTROVERSY IN CONNECTICUT

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals presented the following report:

"The Committee on Grievances and Appeals having considered that part of the annual address referring to the matter of Mohammed Temple, of New Haven, Conn., in regard to a complaint that a charter had been issued to them, and that subsequently a charter had been issued to Pyramid Temple, of Bridgeport, Conn., antedated, the officers of Mohammed Temple, claiming precedence in date of authority, desire the error to be corrected, placing them by date as the first chartered temple in Connecticut. This committee advise that the facts be ascertained in regard to the statement of officers of Mohammed Temple as to the correctness of the assertion that their charter has been returned; and, if such be the case, that a correspondence be opened as to the desire and expediency of setting the subject matter right, and satisfactorily to promote the reorganization of Mohammed Temple, on proper basis and invested titled rights."

Illustrious Grand Recorder, Noble W. S. Paterson, made the following report on this subject:

"In regard to Bridgeport, the Grand Potentate, Noble Julius W. Knowlton, shortly after addressed a communication to Noble C. W. Torrey, wherein he detailed the fact that Pyramid Temple was chartered February 7, 1878, with twelve Nobles, and promptly put in motion, working and initiating, holding regular sessions, and seeing and hearing nothing done by Mohammed Temple, of New Haven, led them to suppose them out of the field, and, therefore, they thought their jurisdiction covered all the territory claimed by New Haven, and they took members from Waterbury, Ansonia, and Birmingham. The details of the dates of the Order conferred on both Temples are still referred to the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate."

NINTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

The next session of the Imperial Council was held at Al Beyt Ullahi 'l-Haram of Mecca Temple, on Nahar el Arbaa, the 30th day of the seventh Arabic month of Rajab, 1300 A. H. corresponding to Wednesday, June 6, 1883 A. D.

The attendance was the largest yet held. Besides an almost complete Divan of the Imperial officers, active members, and the Directory (Illustrious Nobles Charles T. McClenachan, Joseph B. Eakins, and Sam Briggs), temples were officially represented as follows:

Noble William E. Fitch, Cyprus Temple.
Noble George F. Loder, Damascus Temple.
Noble Walter M. Fleming, Mecca Temple.
Noble D. Burnham Tracy, Moslem Temple.
Noble Theodore E. Haslehurst, Oriental Temple.
Noble Julius W. Knowlton, Pyramid Temple.
Noble William B. Melish, Syrian Temple.

The annual address of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate was one of unusual length, and went fully into the history of the Order for the year just past. The correspondence had largely increased and the territory had rapidly widened. The address called attention to the creation of a Directory, or Executive Commission, invested with power to adjust and correct all disputes and inadvertencies, constituting a Tribunal or Court of Resort to determine all matters at issue, during the interim of the regular sessions of the Imperial Council.

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate made fitting reference to the death, at the age of seventy-six years, of the renowned Arab Sheik Abd-el-Kader of Damascus, Syria, whose brilliant history and achievements are recounted in detail in another part of this work. "He was one of the greatest Notables of our Order," said Dr. Fleming.

Among the events of the year were the formation of Aleppo, Medinah, Islam, and other temples which have since risen into the greatest prominence. The history of their formation is given in these excerpts from the address:

"On June 20, 1882, I conferred authority upon Illustrious Deputy Noble Joseph B. Eakins to confer the Order upon Sir Knights and Illustrious Brothers Henry E. Hosley, of Boston, Mass., and eleven chosen Fraters, for the purpose of forming a temple in the above-named city, which duty our Illustrious Special Deputy performed with the desired result, as will appear under the head of Dispensations and Charters.

"On December 1, 1882, I invested constitutional authority upon Illustrious Noble Rev. Anselan Buchanan, of Moundsville, Western Virgina, to confer the Order upon not less than seven nor more than thirteen duly qualified Brethren of the above named city, for the specific purpose of establishing a temple at that place. . . .

"Our Illustrious Deputy, William J. Florence, has referred several applications to these headquarters to receive the Order and organize subordinate temples. . . .

"On June 23, 1882, a dispensation was solicited for Aleppo Temple, in the city of Boston, Mass. The Order was conferred upon seven applicants, as a nucleus for forming the temple, and the dispensation was granted August 3, 1882, and we are informed that the temple is in working order.

"On December 5, 1882, a dispensation was granted to Medinah Temple of Chicago, Ill., the Order having been conferred upon the constitutional number, and the temple is reported equipped with full paraphernalia for the exemplification of the work.

"On March 6, 1883, dispensation was granted Islam Temple, of San Francisco, Cal., and this temple reports rapid progress toward completion of its paraphernalia.

"On April 5, dispensation was granted to Illustrious Noble Sam Briggs, of Cleveland, Ohio, to confer the Order upon the constitutional number of applicants, to establish a temple at Toledo, Ohio, to be known under the name of Osman Temple. The report of this deputy's work in that jurisdiction has not yet been received.

"Mecca Temple of the city of New York, a short time since, exemplified the Order in full upon six applicants, from Easton, Pa., as a nucleus to establish a temple in that city, and it is expected soon to form and open a temple there for the rendition of the work. Mecca Temple has also conferred the Order upon candidates from several other localities, under the sanction of constitutional authority, for the purpose of promoting the establishment of new temples, several of whom are now under correspondence with a view of proceeding to organize and promote an interest in the Order, in territory not as yet represented, and no doubt by the coming fall much advancement will be made towards such a result.

"There are now chartered, and under dispensation, eighteen temples, which evinces the growth and advancement of the Order. There are also several additional new localities under correspondence relative to the establishment of new temples at an early date."

The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate then paid tribute to the splendid work of Mecca Temple, without whose aid the Imperial Council would still have been in a deplorable state of confusion and under lamentable obligations. As it was, the fees from that temple went a long way towards discharging the outstanding indebtedness of the Imperial Council.

"The formidable undertaking, which was assumed by a zealous and tenacious few, the endless task that devolved upon them, the vast obligation incurred, and the plucky manner in which the same nucleus which espoused this cause, to save the parent, reared the child, coached and perfected it, that it might come to the rescue in time of need. I refer to Mecca Temple, as the first born of the Oriental parent: and without reserve or evasion, I now impartially, and without fear or favor, place the credit where it is due, a well-merited compliment, to Mecca Temple, of the Shrine, with its membership of nearly five hundred Sons of the Desert. She has (and I say it without fear of the accusation of being the exponent of a 'mutual admiration society') done more to sustain the parent temple, the Imperial Council, than all her sister temples extant. In saying this, I do not intend to reflect upon all, by any means. But it should be a deserved rebuke upon such *limited* localities of our jurisdiction *where it applies*. . . .

"In conclusion, Illustrious Nobles, it becomes my duty to announce that the time for your triennial election of officers for this Imperial Council has arrived. Select for yourselves such an official corps as will impartially and faithfully fulfill the functions of each respective office, we hope, with the same commendable harmony that has characterized our labors for the last eight years. And may you go on to an unprecedented success, that will reflect both credit and honor upon every representative of the Order!

"And in yielding up the Scepter of Rule I have so long held, through your manifested confidence and will, permit me to express the assurances of my pride in and appreciation of the great trusts reposed in me. The exalted position with which you have honored me so long, I confidently intrust to the Illustrious Noble of *your* choice for the achievement of future successes, and may your most sanguine wishes be realized in the advancement and prosperity of our much loved Order.

"The principal part of the laborious work which characterizes the inauguration of all newly formed institutions has been accomplished. The Oriental ritualistic work is now perfect; the dispensations, charters, and diplomas are complete; the History and Statutes and Regulations are in your hands, and are eminently worthy your praise and approbation. Our proceedings have finally appeared, a compilation formidable but complete, and comprise a volume replete with authentic information concerning the Order throughout the world, together with a detailed recapitulation of the transactions of this Imperial Council since its organization. The exemplification of the work has been brought to perfection, and everything appertaining to the Order now upon the high road to an unprecedented success, and no obstacle now remains to a rapid advancement to strength, power, and superiority."

The entire address was received with such interest and enthusiasm that a vote was taken ordering two hundred and fifty copies of it to be printed for distribution among the members of the Imperial Council and Nobles.

The expenditures of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate for the year were $590.75, and his receipts $574.00, leaving a balance due him of $16.75.

REPORT OF ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND RECORDER

The number of chartered temples was shown by the report of the Illustrious Grand Recorder to be 17. There were 33 active, 13 past active, and 19 deputies of the Imperial Council. Reports from the various temples were incomplete, but the membership of those reporting follows:

Mecca Temple, New York	362
Al Koran Temple, Cleveland	108
Cyprus Temple, Albany	43
Pyramid Temple, Davenport	25
Moslem Temple, Detroit	112
Syrian Temple, Cincinnati	89
Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport	34
Ziyara Temple, Utica	11
Mount Sinai Temple, Montpelier	24
Damascus Temple, Rochester	148
Syria Temple, Pittsburg	43

Islam Temple, San Francisco	15
Medinah Temple, Chicago	12
Aleppo Temple, Boston	8
Oriental Temple, Troy	11

Medina, Atchison, Kan., and Mohammed, New Haven, Conn., made no reports.

The receipts of the Grand Recorder were $960, and the expenditures $872.72.

CHANGE OF BASIS OF REPRESENTATION

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws made an extended report, in which it was recommended to change the number of active members. The committee reported:

"Your committee has also been requested to give the full number of active members allowed according to Section 1 of the Statutes, and therefore state that at the present time the United States consist of thirty-eight States, ten Territories, and one District, making the total number forty-nine, which number the Imperial Council cannot at present exceed.

" In order also to facilitate the election of active members, and to give a more equitable representation of the number of members contained in some of the temples, according to the suggestion of the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate in his address, your committee recommend that temples be allowed, in addition to the chosen representatives one active member for every one hundred members in good standing on their rolls.

GRADE OF EMERITUS

"Your committee observe that the present election will probably not include some of those who have been most active in the counsels of this Imperial Body since its formation, and they therefore recommend that the grade of Emeritus be established, to which eminent Nobles of the Order having served in this Imperial Council may be elected, to take rank as associate members."

Upon motion of Noble Joseph B. Eakins the report was received and the recommendations adopted.

ORGANIZATION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

The following representatives were present and accredited by their credentials, and, there being more than the requisite quorum they thereupon proceeded to organize the active membership of the Imperial Council for the ensuing triennial term:

Noble Arthur R. Blakeslee, Pyramid Temple.
Noble Sam Briggs, Al Koran Temple.
Noble William E. Fitch, Cyprus Temple.
Noble Charles H. Flach, Syrian Temple.
Noble Walter M. Fleming, Mecca Temple.
Noble George F. Loder, Damascus Temple.
Noble William B. Melish, Syrian Temple.
Noble William S. Paterson, Mecca Temple.
Noble D. Burnham Tracy, Moslem Temple.
Noble William H. Whiting, Damascus Temple.

Noble Charles T. McClenachan was invited to preside during the organization, and Noble William S. Paterson to act as Recorder. By regular nomination and ballot the active members proceeded to fill the active membership to the number of forty-nine, when the following Nobles were duly elected:

Noble Frank W. Angel (Iowa), Pyramid Temple.
Noble Jesse B. Anthony, Oriental Temple.
Noble George P. Balmain, Syria Temple.
Noble Charles E. Barnard, Ziyara Temple.
Noble William H. L. Barnes, Islam Temple.
Noble Franklin H. Bascom, Mount Sinai Temple.
Noble Edward A. Blake, Medinah Temple.
Noble Henry Carse, Syrian Temple.
Noble Samuel R. Carter, Damascus Temple.
Noble James A. Collins, Syrian Temple.
Noble Joseph B. Eakins, Mecca Temple.
Noble Edward M. L. Ehlers, Mecca Temple.
Noble Civilion Fones (Connecticut), Pyramid Temple.
Noble John H. Gray, Islam Temple.
Noble Thomas J. Griffiths, Ziyara Temple.
Noble Joseph R. Grose, Aleppo Temple.
Noble Samuel Harper, Syria Temple.
Noble Theodore E. Haslehurst, Oriental Temple.
Noble Benjamin F. Haxton, Moslem Temple.
Noble Charles H. Heyzer, Mecca Temple.
Noble Henry E. Hosley, Aleppo Temple.
Noble Horace W. Hubbard, Al Koran Temple.
Noble Vincent L. Hurlbut, Medinah Temple.
Noble Erasmus D. Jones, Cyprus Temple.
Noble Julius W. Knowlton (Connecticut), Pyramid Temple.
Noble Joseph M. Levéy, Mecca Temple.
Noble Richard P. Marvin, Jr., Al Koran Temple.
Noble Hugh McCurdy, Moslem Temple.
Noble James McGee, Mecca Temple.
Noble George W. Millar, Mecca Temple.
Noble Manson Seavy, Aleppo Temple.
Noble Ozias W. Shipman, Moslem Temple.
Noble Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore).
Noble Marvin E. Smith, Medinah Temple.
Noble Charles W. Torrey, Mecca Temple.
Noble George O. Tyler, Mount Sinai Temple.
Noble Jarvis White (Iowa), Pyramid Temple.
Noble Thomas T. Wightman, Syria Temple.
Noble George W. Wing, Mount Sinai Temple.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were then elected for the next three years:

Noble Walter M. Fleming, Most Illustrious Grand Potentate.
Noble Sam Briggs, Deputy Grand Potentate.
Noble William B. Melish, Grand Chief Rabban.
Noble D. Burnham Tracy, Grand Assistant Rabban.
Noble William H. Whiting, Grand High Priest and Prophet.
Noble James McGee, Grand Oriental Guide.
Noble Joseph M. Levéy, Grand Treasurer.
Noble William S. Paterson, Grand Recorder.
Noble Julius W. Knowlton, Grand First Ceremonial Master.
Noble Charles H. Flach, Grand Second Ceremonial Master.
Noble William E. Fitch, Grand Marshal.
Noble Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Captain of the Guard.
Noble Hugh McCurdy, Grand Outer Guard.
Noble Stephen W. Swift was appointed Grand Assistant Guard.

The Imperial Council then proceeded to the election of the Directory for the ensuing three years, with the following result:

Noble Joseph B. Eakins, New York.
Noble Sam Briggs, Cleveland, Ohio.
Noble George W. Millar, New York.

EMERITI MEMBERS

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, the following Illustrious Nobles were elected to the grade of Emeritus for eminent service in the Order:

Noble William J. Florence, New York.
Noble Charles T. McClenachan, New York.
Noble Albert L. Rawson, New York.

DEPUTIES

Deputies for the ensuing term of three years were named as below:

Noble Frank W. Angel, Davenport, Iowa.
Noble Anthony W. Barnard, Butte, Mont.
Noble Franklin H. Bascom, Montpelier, Vt.
Noble George S. Birrell, London, Canada.
Noble Jerome B. Borden, New Brunswick, N. J.
Noble Sam Briggs, Cleveland, Ohio.
Noble Charles H. Fisk, Covington, Ky.
Noble William J. Florence (at Large), New York City.
Noble John H. Gray, San Francisco, Cal.
Noble Samuel Harper, Pittsburg, Pa.
Noble Henry E. Hosley, South Boston, Mass.
Noble William B. Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Noble Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia, Pa.
Noble Augustus W. Peters, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Noble George Scott, Paterson, N. J.
Noble Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, Md.
Noble Hugh Stirling, Bridgeport, Conn.
Noble Edgar P. Tobey, Chicago, Ill.
Noble Charles W. Torrey, New York City.
Noble D. Burnham Tracy, Detroit, Mich.

Nobles William J. Florence and Albert L. Rawson were elected representatives of the temples in the East.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

To preserve the early associations of the inception of the Order, the following Nobles, who have served the Imperial Council at various times, were directed to be placed on record as associate members, being past active members of the Imperial Council, and having the rank of Past Grand Potentates:

Noble Edward W. Atwood, Bridgeport, Conn.
Noble Brenton D. Babcock, Cleveland, Ohio.
Noble Dayton Ball, Albany, N. Y.
Noble John F. Collins, New York City.
Noble Edward B. Cox, Troy, N. Y.
Noble John S. Dickerman, Albany, N. Y.
Noble William Fowler, New York City.
Noble Albert G. Goodall, New York City.
Noble Frazier W. Hurlburt, Utica, N. Y.
Noble Philip F. Lenhart, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Noble Albert P. Moriarty, New York City.
Noble Aaron L. Northrop, New York City.
Noble Clinton F. Paige, Binghamton, N. Y.
Noble Robert Ramsay, Orillia, Canada.
Noble Charles Roome, New York City.
Noble George Scott, Paterson, N. J.
Noble Bensen Sherwood, New York City.
Noble Daniel Sickels, New York City.
Noble John W. Simons, New York City.
Noble John L. Stettinius, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Noble James H. Ten Eyck, Albany, N. Y.
Noble Charles H. Thomson, Corning, N. Y.
Noble Frank H. Vick, Rochester, N. Y.
Noble Robert H. Waterman, Albany, N. Y.
Noble J. H. Hobart Ward, New York City.
Noble John D. Williams, Elmira, N. Y.

By resolution adopted, the "Origin and History of the Order," as published by the Illustrious Grand Recorder, was approved.

THREE TEMPLES CHARTERED

Charters were issued to Islam Temple, San Francisco; Medinah Temple, Chicago; and Aleppo Temple, Boston.

In presenting to Noble Joseph B. Eakins an elegantly engrossed set of resolutions, handsomely framed, as a slight token of the appreciation of the members of Mecca Temple to their director, the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate gave a history of the successful career of Mecca Temple while under the direction of Noble Eakins. He recounted the sacrifices of time and the unwearied zeal of the director, and the large accession of membership due to his influence. He tendered the cordial expression of the unbounded love borne by every Noble of that temple for one who had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact.

A humble response was made by Noble Eakins.

MECCA'S SPLENDID SET OF OFFICERS, ETC.

Under the wonderful organizing influence of Noble Eakins in his capacity as Director of Mecca Temple, he had brought the Temple to a high degree of efficiency, with a membership of 312, June 1, 1882, and the following brilliant set of officers for the ceremonial sessions, which were worth traveling miles to witness:

Walter M. Fleming, Grand Potentate.
Augustus W. Peters, Chief Rabban.
Philip C. Benjamin, Assistant Rabban.
Charles H. Heyzer, High Priest and Prophet.
The Rev. C. L. Twing, Scherif ul Ulema.
James McGee, Oriental Guide.
Joseph M. Levéy, Treasurer.
William S. Paterson, Recorder.
James V. Kirby, First Ceremonial Master.
Hermon J. Emerson, Second Ceremonial Master.
Edgar M. Ayers, Marshal.
Fred Schwalenberg, Assistant Marshal.
Daniel M. McLellan, Senior Captain of the Guard.
Edward S. Innet, Junior Captain of the Guard.
Albert C. Johnson, Organist.
Arthur T. Hills, Chanter of Al Koran.
George B. Eddy, Chanter of Al Koran.
Amos L. See, Chanter of Al Koran.
Harvey Mitchell, Chanter of Al Koran.
Isaac F. Gorham, Chanter of Al Koran.
Stephen W. Swift, Outer Guard.
Theodore Reeves, Assistant Guard.

Robert C. Brown, Assistant Director.
William Q. Titus, Assistant Director.
William J. Florence, Emir ul Umra.
John F. Collins, Sultan Scherif.
T. T. Timayenis, Nekib el Ascharaf.
Edward Adams, Scherif el Haram.
Edward Williams, Jeweler.
James B. Grant, Alchemist.
Bensen Sherwood, Architect.
John N. Blazi, Engineer.
Charles P. Cocks, Scherif el Kaaba.
Thomas J. Leigh, Jallad.
Warren R. Hedden, Abdallah.
John B. Russell, Khawwan.
George W. Millar, Mukhabbir.
Joseph F. Waring, Azra.
Judson W. Holbrook, Sabiyah.
Charles W. Torrey, Emir el Hajji.
George McNeil, Scherif el Zemzem.
Stephen D. Affleck, Scherif el Muezzin.
Samuel L. Terhune, Scherif ad Diyafat.
Albert L. Rawson, Professor of Arabic.

In addition there were twenty-five Nobles dressed in full Arabic costume forming the patrol.

The Grand Potentates and strength of other temples in that year were officially reported as follows:

Aleppo Temple, Boston, Henry E. Hosley, Grand Potentate; 8 members.

Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Sam Briggs, Grand Potentate; 1[illegible]8 members.

Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y., Robert D. Williams, Grand Potentate; 43 members.

Damascus Temple, Rochester, George F. Loder, Grand Potentate; 148 members.

Islam Temple, San Francisco, Wm. H. L. Barnes, Grand Potentate; 15 members.

Mecca Temple, New York, Walter M. Fleming, Grand Potentate, December 31; 362 members.

Medinah Temple, Chicago, Edgar P. Tobey, Grand Potentate; 12 members.

Moslem Temple, Detroit, Ozias W. Shipman, Grand Potentate; 112 members.

Mt. Sinai Temple, Montpelier, George O. Tyler, Grand Potentate; 24 members.

Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y., Jesse B. Anthony, Grand Potentate; 11 members.

Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn., Julius W. Knowlton, Grand Potentate; 34 members.

Pyramid Temple, Davenport, Iowa, Frank W. Angel, Grand Potentate; 25 members.

Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Samuel Harper, Grand Potentate; 43 members.

Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, William B. Melish, Grand Potentate; 89 members.

Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y., Frazier W. Hurlburt, Grand Potentate; 11 members.

Medina Temple, Atchison, Kan., Jos. A. Greenwalt, Grand Potentate; no report.

Mohammed Temple, New Haven, Conn.; no report.

TEMPLES ESTABLISHED IN 1884

The year 1884 saw the birth of four temples, three of which have become renowned. They were:

Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Daniel E. Hughes, Grand Potentate, and N. Ferree Lightner, Recorder.

Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Thomas McCoubray, Jr., Grand Potentate, and John H. Miller, Recorder.

Murat Temple, Indianapolis, John T. Brush, Grand Potentate, and Cortes F. Holliday, Recorder.

Salaam Temple, Olney, Ill., William H. Curtin and others.

SPREAD OF THE ORDER BEGINS

The tenth annual session of the Imperial Council was held in Masonic Temple, New York, June 4, 1884. The attendance was large. The Most Illustrious Grand Potentate showed plainly in his annual address how greatly he was encouraged by the life and zeal displayed by most of the temples, and regarded the Shrine as at last on a successful basis. The disciples of the Crescent were fast swelling into a multitude, and inquiries came from all parts of the United States and the British Dominions.

But one notable death occurred during the year, that of the renowned Sheik Obeidullah, a descendant from the daughter of the Prophet, who was called to the Unseen Temple during his pilgrimage to the Kaabah, or Shrine, at Mecca, in Dhu'l Hajja, 1300, equivalent to September, 1883. Dr. Fleming said:

"This great Sheik was the Chief of the Politico-Religious Kurds, the Bektash in the East. He descended from the daughter of the Prophet, and was of the purest Bedouin blood, and was esteemed the third noblest person in Islam. It was this tribe and their followers that struck consternation and alarm to the flanks and rear of Xenophon's army in their famous retreat, so vividly portrayed in the 'Anabasis.' The Romans also were decimated under their prowess, as many Latin authors relate in their histories of the Parthians.

"Obeidullah, with his son, commanded an attack on the Persian towns bordering Lake Urumijah, but were vanquished by Miryah-Khan, a Persian General. The Sheik was forced to retreat to the mountains, whence by lavish promises he was lured to Stamboul, and there made prisoner; he was held captive several months, when, during the fast of the Ramazan, he escaped and fled to Kurdistan, and once more rallied his faithful followers. He was again captured by the Turks in October, 1882, when his flying squadron rescued him and took him to Kouroma."

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

These were fully dealt with by the Grand Illustrious Potentate, and included these among others:

August 4, 1883, Illustrious Noble George Van Vliet, Deputy at Large for special duty outside the local jurisdiction for the welfare and progress of the Order.

October 15, 1883, Noble Anthony Wayne Barnard, of Butte, Mont., who received the Order in Islam Temple, San Francisco, Deputy for the Territory of Montana.

October 31, 1883, Illustrious Noble John Worthington, of the Island of Malta, Deputy for that jurisdiction. Noble Worthington was the United States Consul at Malta and rendered signal service in the interest of the Shrine.

November 15, 1883, Islam Temple of San Francisco was chartered.

December 31, 1883, Lu Lu Temple of Philadelphia was chartered. This Temple was instituted January 10, 1884, when the officers of the Imperial Council and of Mecca Temple went to Philadelphia for that purpose.

January 1, 1884, Salaam Temple, Olney, Ill., was chartered.

March 13, 1884, dispensation was granted to Murat Temple, which was organized with Noble John T. Brush as Grand Potentate.

March 15, 1884, Illustrious Grand Treasurer, Joseph M. Levéy, was made Deputy at Large in foreign countries to confer the Order and establish temples in England, Wales, and elsewhere.

March 31, 1884, dispensation was granted to open Boumi Temple, of Baltimore, Lu Lu Temple exemplifying the ceremonies and ritual.

This brought the number of temples up to twenty-two and carried the Order over the brow of the first and steepest hill, for from this time forward the rise of the Order in strength and power was rapid.

A visit to Medinah Temple, Chicago, by the Imperial officers and a caravan of about fifty Nobles from New York, April 18 and 19, 1884, was a feature of the year, the occasion also drawing to Chicago Nobles from other temples in the West. At the ceremonial session fifty-two sons of the desert met the Moslem test in safety and were raised to the Nobility. The Nobles of Medinah Temple were lavish in their hospitality to the visitors, and the occasion was so memorable that a full account of it becomes a part of the record of the proceedings of the Imperial Council.

BIRTH OF KOSAIR, JERUSALEM AND TRIPOLI

The year 1884-85 saw three new temples established,—Kosair of Louisville, Ky., Tripoli of Milwaukee, Wis., and Jerusalem of New Orleans. William Ryan was the First Grand Potentate of Kosair, Henry L. Palmer, of Tripoli, and Alfred Shaw of Jerusalem.

ELEVENTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

The eleventh annual session of the Imperial Council was held June 4, 1885, in New York, with a very large attendance. The ranks were fast filling. No more was known of scoffers. The highest men in Masonry in all parts of the country were lending their aid to the Shrine and upholding its purposes. Lu Lu, Islam, Pyramid, Syria, Syrian, Boumi, Murat, and Mecca Temples were all thriving and busy. In fact, the seeds of organization so laboriously sown and so incessantly cultivated were now bursting into a harvest of the ripest grain. The struggles of the preceding decade were now being rewarded in ample measure.

A resolution was adopted at this session, on motion of Noble William B. Melish, that the next session of the Imperial Council, the triennial session, should be held in Cleveland, where Al Koran Temple had brought the work of the Shrine to such a high degree of perfection. Heretofore, with one exception, all the sessions had been held in New York.

RESULT OF TRIENNIAL ELECTION

The Cleveland session was held June 14, 1886, and at this session the following official divan for the ensuing three years was chosen, the occasion marking the retirement of Most Illustrious Walter M. Fleming, who had served the Shrine as its head since its formation:

Sam Briggs, Imperial Potentate, Cleveland, Ohio.

Joseph B. Eakins, Imperial Deputy Potentate, New York City.

James H. Thompson, Imperial Chief Rabban, Chicago, Ill.

Henry E. Hosley, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Boston, Mass.

John T. Brush, High Priest and Prophet, Indianapolis, Ind.

James McGee, Imperial Oriental Guide, New York City.

Joseph M. Levéy, Imperial Treasurer, New York City.

William S. Paterson, Imperial Recorder, New York City.

Charles H. Flach, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Cincinnati, Ohio.

William Ryan, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Louisville, Ky.

Clarence B. Mason, Imperial Marshal, Newport, R. I.

George E. Pantlind, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Thomas J. Hudson, Imperial Outer Guard, Pittsburg, Pa.

Theodore Elmendorf, Imperial Assistant Guard, Cleveland, Ohio.

Directory—Walter M. Fleming, New York; George W. Millar, New York; and William B. Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.

PROGRESS MADE IN 1886

A dispensation was granted, June 20, 1885, to Illustrious Deputy Charles M. Truman of St. Paul for the formation of Osman Temple of St. Paul. Zuhrah Temple of Minneapolis was formed July 25, by dispensation granted Noble John A. Schenler of that city.

The creation of two temples so near together, in the State of Minnesota, caused considerable dissension and animosity. After considerable effort on the part of all concerned, both in the State of Minnesota and the Grand Orient, to conciliate matters and promote harmony, the Most Illustrious Grand Potentate requested Noble Schenler to discontinue Zuhrah Temple in Minneapolis.

The dispute came before the Committee on Dispensations and Charters at the annual session, and the committee disagreed, and recommended action by the Imperial Council, after hearing the representatives of the Nobles of the two temples who were present to urge their claims.

The dispute was threshed out on the floor of the Imperial Council, with the result that charters were granted to both temples and an era of prosperity for each was entered upon.

Medina Temple, of Atchison, Kan., and Mohammed Temple, of New Haven, Conn., had made no reports for several years, and communication could not be had with them, and as a result the Imperial Council revoked their charters.

The committee recommended that charters be granted to the following temples:

Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.
El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Kosair Temple, Louisville, Ky.
Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.
Palestine Temple, Newport, R. I.
Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee, Wis.

Almas Temple was opened by dispensation granted January 7, 1886. Noble Clarence B. Mason received the dispensation for Palestine Temple, January 28.

El Kahir Temple, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was granted dispensation February 9, the authority being granted to Noble James Morton, with the indorsement of Pyramid Temple of Davenport.

Saladin Temple of Grand Rapids, Mich., was formed by dispensation granted to Noble Charles S. Hazeltine, April 27.

Moolah Temple of St. Louis received its dispensation April 26, authority being granted to Noble Eli J. Crandall. However, on March 17 dispensation had been granted to Medinah Temple of Chicago, to confer the Order of the Shrine upon a class of eligible applicants in St. Louis, during the triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States, September 21, 22, and 23.

Dispensation had also been granted Noble Preston Belvin of Richmond, and fourteen associates, to form Acca Temple of Richmond, Va.

At this session of the Imperial Council, the salary of the Illustrious Grand Recorder was made six hundred dollars a year, on motion of Noble William Ryan of Kosair Temple.

The next session of the Imperial Council was set for Indianapolis in June, 1887. Before adjourning the Imperial Council adopted a number of important amendments or resolutions. One of these fixed the minimum fee for conferring the Order at $25. Another made three blackballs necessary for rejection instead of one. It was also decided, in view of the conflict of names, that only one temple should have the same Arabic or Egyptian name, and the youngest of such temples was directed to choose another name.

The word "Grand" was dropped from the title of the officers, and they were henceforth known as "Imperial."

NOTABLE RECEPTION BY AL KORAN TEMPLE

A feature of this session of the Imperial Council, which went down into history as one of the great events of the Shrine, was the reception tendered the Imperial Council by Al Koran Temple at its Al Masjid, on Superior Street, Cleveland, on the evening of its triennial session June 14, 1886. The attendance was very large and most enthusiastic, and the affair gave wonderful impetus to the Order, to bear abundant fruit during the next twenty years.

The rooms were elaborately decorated with the insignia of the Order, and the Imperial Divan was seated on a dais, before which were arranged four long tables, surrounded by the Nobles, visitors, and members of Al Koran, numbering about two hundred and fifty, from all parts of the United States.

At 8 o'clock Most Illustrious Sam Briggs, the Imperial Potentate, and a Noble of Al Koran Temple, opened the reception with cordial words of welcome and invited the Nobles to partake of the banquet which had been provided. The menu was interspersed with music and toasts and included the following:

National March—Liberty Enlightening the World..Germania Orchestra
The Imperial Council..Dr. W. M. Fleming, Most Illustrious Past Imperial Potentate
Overture—Peche Mignon (Langey)..............Germania Orchestra
The Directory ....George W. Millar
Music, Vocal—Bedouin Love Song (Pinsuti)..................Quartet
The Supreme Council, A. A. S. Rite ....Brenton D. Babcock
Music—Irish Patrol (Puerner)..................Germania Orchestra
The Grand Encampment, K. T., U. S. A.......................... Charles E. Stanley, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Ohio
Music—Carlotta Waltz (Millecker)................Germania Orchestra
The Temples in New York ....Charles H. Heyzer
Selections—Mikado (Wiegand) ....Germania Orchestra
The Arabians in Missouri ....William H. Mayo
Music, Vocal—The Ruined Chapel (Becker)..................Quartet
The Massachusetts Bektash ....Henry E. Hosley
Music—British Patrol (Linden) ....Germania Orchestra
The Wisconsin Shriners...............................Eugene S. Elliott

Sherbet of Shiraz—Committee

The Dervishes of Kentucky ....William Ryan
Music—Vocal—Night Watch of the Swiss Confederates (Schumann).. Quartet
The Minnesota Oasis ....E. W. Durant
Music—Elks' Frolic (Boettger) ....Germania Orchestra
The Shrine in the Keystone State ....Edward B. Jordan
Music, Vocal—Waltz Song (Vogel)...........................Quartet
The Divan in Iowa ....The Hon. Cyrus W. Eaton

More Sherbet—If the Committee are still here

The Illinois Worshipers ....James H. Thompson
Music, Vocal—Serenade (Kreutzer) ....Quartet
The Indiana Contingent ....John T. Brush
Music—Medley (Moses) ....Germania Orchestra
The Rufaiyeh of Ohio ....William B. Melish

The singing of the Arion quartet was one of the features of the evening. The speeches were notable and illustrated the wonderful popularity which the Order was now gaining in all parts of the country where temples had been established. Letters of regret were read from a number of prominent Nobles who found it impossible to be present, and among them was the following poem from the pen of Noble Cahill W. Hazard, of Monongahela City, Pa., which was received with great applause, and was so highly appreciated that it was published in the official proceedings:

Not very long ago, a Noble of the Shrine
Lay on his tiger skin, at sun's decline,
When messenger approached with dutiful Salaam
And bore a graver missal, signed by "Sam."

The Noble yawned, for all that day
His thoughts from business ran at play:
His bank account had gone quite lame;
He cursed the hour that birth had giv'n him name;
His camels were athirst, his horse astray,
His harem's chiefest beauty gone away,
And down his cheek there coursed a silent tear;
His tongue was parched, and—he was out of beer.

So when he tore the parchment seal, and ran
His eye adown the "tip" from Al Koran,
He cried: "This came from Heaven, and none too soon!
I'll go to Cleveland the fourteenth day of June!
This saves my life! Bring forth the camel rigs,
And set their heads toward Oasis Sam Briggs.

Just then he paused, and gazed upon the dial;
It marked the time set down for sudden trial,
In field political, to cure defection.
His tribe that afternoon held primary election:
And he, upon that very day and date,
Booked for a race at camel's swiftest gait.

The Shareef wept. He cursed the very Fates,
And called on mighty Allah. Then, to confound the dates,
He cast his scimiter into the blessed Koran,
Which unto all reveals the fate of man,
And there these lines he read—thus said the Book:
"You may not go—you may not even look"
Toward Oasis Cleveland, June fourteen;
Not that day—but "some other day," I ween.

The Shareef bowed. He is too good a Noble
To cause the sons of Allah any trouble;
But on his knees he nightly prays the Perii
That he may one future day, upon the banks of Erii,
Join in a cup of pure Arabian dew
With all Al Koran's thrice illustrious crew.

Noble Caleb H. Benton, in a noted speech in behalf of the Oasis of Minneapolis, promised to aid Noble William H. S. Wright, of the St. Paul Oasis, in the work of building up the Shrine in the Twin Cities, and would in the next year prove the wisdom of the Imperial Council in granting charters to each city.

Noble Thomas J. Leigh of New York recited "The Two Glasses," telling of the conquest of wine and water, "told to each other as they sat together, on a rich man's table, rim to rim," and in response to demands for an encore he gave the amusing "Reply of the Sailor to the Parson."

The fun was fast and furious, led by Mecca's "Arabian Bell Ringers," who extracted the most weird and peculiar music from the bells worn by their camels in making their pilgrimage to the Oasis of Cleveland. In connection therewith, Noble George W. Millar, of the directory, demonstrated to the full satisfaction of the Nobles the impartial and indiscriminating manner in which all impolitic or obstructive appeals were met by his forces, and the bells were then distributed as souvenirs. They are to-day treasured highly by the survivors of that notable occasion.

One of the favorites of the evening was "Daddy" William Ryan of Kosair Temple, Louisville, one of the stanch supporters of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Louisville. A number of the Nobles presented him with a large subscription list to the "Masonic Home Journal," which is printed at the home by the Masonic orphans. Noble Ryan acknowledged that this warmly touched his heart, and gratefully thanked the Nobles for their thoughtfulness, in the midst of their pleasures, in contributing to the happiness of the Masonic orphans under his charge.

MEMORABLE SESSION OF MOOLAH TEMPLE

Moolah Temple of St. Louis held a ceremonial session September 22, 1886, which attracted Shriners from many parts of the country. The official call read as below:

SHAREEF AL MASHH, ATTEND:

On the 23d day of the last month, Zeel Hajjeh, Sanna Hejeera 1303, commonly known to those whose eyes have not been opened to the true faith as Wednesday, September 22, 1886 A. D., at 7 o'clock P. M., will be holden in the goodly city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, a special session of Moolah Temple, Nobility of the Mystic Shrine, on which occasion will be celebrated with more than Oriental magnificence,

THE LAST FEAST OF THE OLD YEAR,
THE DAY OF ARAFAT AT MECCA.
Also the
KOORBAN BAYRAM!
SYMBOLIC ILLUSTRATION
of the
SACRIFICE OF SHEEP IN HONOR OF IBRAHEEM
The End of the Nights of Sanad na Abyad.

A special invitation is extended to every Noble in the United States!

The initiatory ceremonies were conducted under the auspices of Medinah Temple of Chicago, assisted by the Imperial Potentate and other members of the Imperial Council. The occasion was the triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States, and the sand had been heating all summer.

Medinah Temple brought by special caravan all her paraphernalia and the gorgeous appointments which marked the Temple by the Lake. The affair was widely advertised, and was in the hands of a joint committee from Moolah and Medinah Temples, with W. A. Stiles as Secretary. Moolah's committee consisted of Nobles William H. Mayo, E. J. Crandall, and John T. Nixon, while Nobles Thomas H. Currier, Daniel Shelby, and James H. Thompson looked after the details for Medinah.

The official divan for Moolah Temple was composed as follows:

Eli J. Crandall, Potentate.
E. B. Overstreet, Chief Rabban.
Jack P. Richardson, Assistant Rabban.
George T. Murphy, High Priest and Prophet.
V. O. Saunders, Oriental Guide.
Hunter Ben Jenkins, Treasurer.
William H. Mayo, Recorder.
John T. Nixon, First Ceremonial Master.
Benjamin Lynds, Second Ceremonial Master.
William H. Etter, Marshal.
William Walsh, Captain of the Guard.
John J. Baulch, Director.
Horace W. Hibbard, Director.
W. H. Mead, Director.
Thomas P. Morse, Lecturer.
John R. Parson, Alchemist.
R. D. Hunter, Alchemist.
A. F. Donk, Outer Guard.

The divan of Medinah Temple consisted of:

James H. Thompson, Potentate.
O. I. Jacobus, Chief Rabban.
R. I. Dakin, Assistant Rabban.
Frank E. Land, High Priest and Prophet.
T. H. Currier, Oriental Guide.
J. S. Carter, Treasurer.
William A. Stiles, Recorder.
John A. May, Grand Lecturer.
F. M. Luce, First Ceremonial Master.
C. H. Chamberlain, Second Ceremonial Master.
A. C. Potter, Marshal.
Alex Osterman, Captain of the Guard.
E. P. Tobey, Director.
Henry A. Keith, Director.
T. C. Pennington, Director.
L. E. Pennington, Alchemist.
Charles Kotzenberg, Alchemist.
A. McLellan, Outer Guard.

Noble Eli J. Crandall, of Moolah, and Noble James Thompson, of Medinah, were chairmen of the Reception Committees, which included many of the leading Nobles of the two Temples. The Honorary Committee included the active members of the Imperial Council and many other notables.

Of the ceremonial session it need only be said that the occasion was one of the most notable in the history of the Shrine. The class was very large, giving Moolah that wonderful start in membership that has made it one of the famous temples of the Central States. By request of other temples, the Order was conferred upon many Knights Templar who were in St. Louis at the time, and the traditional banquet which followed was equally notable.

THIRTEENTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

Murat Temple of Indianapolis was the host of the Imperial Council June 20, 1887, when the attendance was even larger than at Cleveland, many of the temples sending delegations of considerable size. All but three of the Imperial officers were present at this session, and besides the large list of active members, twenty-one temples sent regularly chosen representatives. In his annual address Imperial Potentate Briggs said he had officially issued charters to the following Temples under date of June 28, 1886:

Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.
El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Kosair Temple, Louisville, Ky.
Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.
Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minn.
Palestine Temple, Newport, R. I.
Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee, Wis.
Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.

A dispensation was granted, July 15, 1886, to Sir Alfred Paull and ten other Knights Templar to found Osiris Temple, at Wheeling, W. Va.

July 13, dispensation was granted Saltanat Temple, London, Ont.

October 13, a petition for dispensation was asked for Cairo Temple, at Oswego, N. Y., but owing to the inharmonious action of Ziyara Temple, of Utica, N. Y., the fee was returned and the dispensation denied.

March 29, 1887, Noble Edward C. Culp and others were granted a dispensation for Isis Temple, at Salina, Kan.

April 7, Noble Richard A. Ketner and others were granted a dispensation to form Abdallah Temple, at Leavenworth, Kan., and April 21, Noble George S. McConkey and others for Rameses Temple, London, Ont.

Hella Temple, Dallas, Tex., received dispensation through Noble Joseph K. Ashby and others. Noble Alexander Stevens and others received dispensation June 11 for the formation of Ballut Abyad Temple, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In addition the Imperial Potentate reported that communications had been received regarding the establishment of temples at Kansas City, Mo.; Lyons and Clinton, Iowa; Staunton, Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; Fargo, N. Dak.; Lincoln, Neb.; and Brooklyn, N. Y.

During the year the Imperial Potentate officially visited the following Temples on the dates given:

September 22, 1886, Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.
January 20, 1887, Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.
January 21, Acca Temple, Richmond, Va.
March 11, Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Invitations to visit Aleppo, Syrian, Moslem, Palestine, and other temples were received, but owing to press of private business acceptance was impossible. In the official visits of the Imperial Potentate he was escorted by delegations from Mecca, Medinah, and Al Koran Temples.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS RENDERED

The following decisions were rendered at the request of the Temples named, for official interpretations of the law:

SALADIN TEMPLE: A Potentate of a temple has no authority to communicate the Order outside of his temple without special dispensation to that end.

MOOLAH TEMPLE: Territories or States where no temples have been established are free territory, from which established temples may select material.

ZIYARA TEMPLE: Temples are empowered to open a session at any place within their jurisdiction to confer the grade. Special dispensation is not required except for other than regular meetings.

KOSAIR TEMPLE and EL KAHIR TEMPLE: "Cerneau Rite" Masons not Knights Templar are not eligible for the Shrine.

MOOLAH TEMPLE: An installed officer (except Potentate) may resign, and his successor may be appointed or elected, and be installed by the Potentate.

ALEPPO TEMPLE: A protest against conferring the Order upon an applicant previously elected is lawful, and should be observed, no provision to the contrary existing in the by-laws.

KAABA TEMPLE: The right to object to the entrance of a visiting Noble to any temple is inherent with any member of such temple.

TITLE OF TEMPLE CHANGED

In accordance with the resolution against similar names of temples adopted at the last session, Pyramid Temple, of Davenport, Iowa, agreed to change its title, and on March 17, 1887, formally announced and proclaimed that it should be known, designated, and recognized as Kaaba Temple of Davenport, Iowa.

CANDIDATES OF ILLEGITIMATE SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

The following resolution, offered by Noble Charles T. McClenachan, was adopted:

"*Resolved,* That it is hereby declared as the meaning and intent of the last sentence of the first paragraph, Section XXX, which says, 'a Thirty-second Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of a regular Supreme Council of said Rite,' that it is and shall be strictly construed to mean the Supreme Councils for the Northern and for the Southern Jurisdiction of such Rite in the United States, and those Supreme Councils which are in amity with and are recognized by them."

The following resolutions, offered by Noble George P. Balmain, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws:

"*Whereas,* The Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., has declared by resolution that the only Supreme Councils of the A. A. Scottish Rite recognized by this Body are those of the Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdictions of the United States of America, and the Supreme Councils in amity with them. Therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That it shall be an offense against the Order for any temple or Potentate to confer the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine upon any one known to be a member of a Scottish Rite body not recognized by this Imperial Council as legitimate.

"*Resolved,* That the Imperial Recorder be instructed to notify all temples subordinate to this Imperial Council of this action within thirty days from date of this session."

NEW TEMPLES CHARTERED

Charters were granted to the following Temples:

Abdallah Temple, Leavenworth, Kan.
Isis Temple, Salina, Kan.
Acca Temple, Richmond, Va.
Osiris Temple, Wheeling, W. Va.

Dispensations were continued for another year in the case of these temples:

Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans, La.
Rameses Temple, Toronto, Ont.
Hella Temple, Dallas, Tex.
Ballut Abyad Temple, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

It was also ordered that no charter be granted to Saltanat Temple, of London, Ont., and that its dispensation be recalled.

BROOKLYN FIGHTS FOR A TEMPLE

The Nobles of Brooklyn had been trying hard to obtain a temple of their own, and finally secured at this session the following unanimous recommendation from the Committee of Dispensations and Charters:

> "*Whereas*, Your committee has received from the Imperial Potentate a petition from Nobles residing in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., asking that necessary permission be granted to organize and establish a temple in their city, we, therefore, would respectfully recommend that a charter be granted."

The recommendation of the committee was considered, and after some discussion, was, on motion, adopted.

Discussion, however, ensued as to the regularity of the proceedings, and, on motion, the adoption of the recommendation was reconsidered. The whole matter, after further debate, in which the Brooklyn Nobles struggled bravely against the heavy odds of the Mecca Nobles resident in Manhattan, was referred back to the committee to be made the subject of a special report.

The majority, consisting of Nobles John T. Brush and James H. Thompson, finally reported negatively, in these words:

"Your committee, to whom was recommitted the matter of the petition from the Nobles from Brooklyn for a temple in that city, report that they have heard the arguments from the members of Mecca, from New York, and from the Nobles from Brooklyn. And whereas, the members from New York gave assurance that, if a dispensation was asked for in a regular manner at its next regular meeting in July, it would receive their sanction, we feel that, for the sake of harmony and the good of the Order, it would be better for this Imperial Council to refer the application back to the Nobles from Brooklyn for their further action.

"And your committee would recommend that the several petitioners be requested to make application for dispensation in the regular manner."

Noble Richard P. Marvin, Jr., reported as below:

"I believe the matter is properly before the Imperial Council, and that it should decide whether or not a charter should be granted."

When put to a vote of the Imperial Council, the minority report was rejected and the majority report adopted. The Brooklyn Nobles made the request of Mecca Temple as directed, and the charter of Kismet Temple, when issued, bore date of July 2, 1887.

At this session of the Imperial Council the word "Grand" was dropped from the title of Potentates of temples, having been previously dropped from the titles of the Imperial officers.

RECEPTION BY MURAT TEMPLE

When the Imperial Council adjourned it was to become the guest of Murat Temple at an elaborate banquet and entertainment which had been provided for the occasion, and in the preparations for which Illustrious Noble John T. Brush and his associates had been at work for days. The date was Monday, June 20, 1887.

At 6 o'clock in the afternoon the Imperial Divan, with a large number of visitors, were saluted by the Nobles of Murat Temple, headed by Illustrious Potentate Brush, and with bands playing were escorted through the principal streets to the grand Almasjid al Haram of the Temple, on South Pennsylvania Street.

Murat Temple was opened in full ceremonial form, and sixteen sons of the desert joined the caravan to Mecca and assumed the solemn Arab's vow. They were: S. C. Carey, O. W. Moorman, and E. J. Gantz, of Indianapolis; J. C. Suit, T. D. Jones, and A. S. Catherworn, of Frankfort; Walter Vail, A. S. Nichols, and A. G. Tillotson, of Michigan City; C. R. McCullough, of Huntington; B. G. Hudnut and Edward Gilbert, of Terre Haute; W. S. Kerlin, of Evansville; C. A. White, of Danville; F. S. Collins, of Seymour, and Nelson Bradley of Greenfield.

The ceremonies were rendered in the complete form of the ritual, and the entertainment lasted for three hours. The costumes and accessories were elaborate, and the work so beautifully done as to excite the admiration of all.

After the closing of the Temple, the name of every officer of the Imperial Council, and visitor, was called, and then in order of rank they were led to the banquet hall, where a memorable entertainment was provided by the eight committees among which the work had been proportioned.

About three hundred Nobles were seated at fifty tables, each seat designated with the name of the guest, and a menu of many courses was served, interspersed with music by an orchestra and the Chanters Al Koran.

Noble John T. Brush presided, and when the cigars had been lighted he delivered an eloquent welcome to "Our Guests." "His worth is warrant for his welcome" ran the toast list. Then followed in order:

"Ogniya Sahra"—Chanters Al Koran.
"The Imperial Council"..........................Sam Briggs, Al Koran
"Some are, and must be, greater than the rest."
"The Imperial Directory"......................George W. Millar, Mecca
"Look to the helm, good master."
"The Expounders"....................Charles T. McClenachan, Mecca
"Elsewhere he could right weel lay down the law."
"Ejl Holouahbb li."—Chanters Al Koran.
"The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite".......................
......................................Brenton D. Babcock, Al Koran
"Should auld acquaintance be forgot."
"The Grand Encampment"..................William H. Mayo, Moolah
"And days o' lang syne."
"Sabah el bi fatour li Biaz"—Chanters Al Koran.
"The Shrine"..................................Byron K. Elliott, Murat
"The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the gowd for a' that."
"The Sons of the Desert".................Joseph C. Suit, of the Class
"My joy lies onward, and my grief behind."
"Our Mystic Literature"....................William B. Melish, Syrian
"From the hot clime
Of Arab deserts brought."
"The Salt of the Earth".......................Joseph S. Wright, Lu Lu
"Norine Maurine."—Chanters Al Koran.
"The Arab"...............................William A. Stiles, Medinah
"Westward, Ho!"...................................Edward C. Culp, Isis
"The Falls North"......................William H. S. Wright, Osman
"The Falls South"...............................William Ryan, Kosair
"The Moslems" ....Ozias W. Shipman, Moslem
"Leile faiyib"—Chanters Al Koran
"Nomadic Reminiscence" ....Joseph B. Eakins, Mecca
"The Caravan" ....Henry E. Hosley, Aleppo
Presentation of the Tizkeer (souvenir)..........John A. Holman, Murat

The tizkeer was presented to each and every guest. It was in the form of a medal, composed of Egyptian bronze, somewhat larger in diameter than a silver dollar. The medal bore on one side the words, "Souvenir Murat, N. M. S. Imperial Council, Ramadan, June XX, 1887. Commemorating the Night of Power. To Noble [Crescent, with name of Noble engraved thereon]. Oasis of Indianapolis." On the reverse were the Egyptian and Persian national arms, the first with three crescents and stars, and the second with the rising sun and the lion couchant. Below appeared the ocean, with water craft of ancient character putting into the harbor, and the oasis of Indianapolis in the foreground. To the left, in the distance, was shown the desert, with a caravan of camels approaching the oasis, in the center of which was the Temple of Murat.

The Chanters Al Koran, who sang so beautifully during the evening, were Nobles O. W. Williams, John G. Blake, Ora Pearson, and Mahlon D. Butler, with T. W. S. Belcher as organist.

Nearly every part of the United States and Canada were represented at the festal board and prompted these lines by Noble Dennis:

Camels are coming from east and west,
From north and from south they glitter and shine,
Banners of silk and a gleaming crest
At the head of each long and brilliant line.
From precincts suburban
See caftan and turban—
The iris seems robbed of every hue—
Ne'er since Caliph Haroun
Has there come to a town
Such an awfully gorgeous retinue.

Ah, there rides an Emir
With steel at his femur,
A true old Damascus yataghan;
On great dromedaries
Are tall janizaries—
We're not like soon to see that again
Shayk, dervish, and imam
With most profound salaam
Respond to the greetings of every one,
And out from the van
Of each caravan
Comes a Nubian Mascot, Son of the Sun.

Camels are coming from south and west,
From sweet north lakes and old ocean's brine;
On Arabic toes long lances rest,
And pennons whirl in the airy wine;
Now as they come nearer
And one sees them clearer,
Nobles are they of the Mystic Shrine.

The invitation to this unique affair is still preserved by those Nobles who were fortunate enough to be present on that memorable occasion. A map of the desert of the Western Hemisphere was surrounded by Egytian representations of feasts, with obelisk, sphinx, pyramid, etc. It was twenty-eight by twenty-two inches in size, and the oases of all the temples were marked by long lines of caravans traveling to the Oasis of Murat.

FOURTEENTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

Toronto, Canada, was the oasis which had the honor of entertaining the fourteenth annual session of the Imperial Council, and the pilgrimage was marked by long caravans from various temples. The date was June 25, 1888. Headquarters were at the Rossin House, and the sessions were held in Al Beyt Ullahi 'l-Haram, Masonic Temple. All but four of the Imperial officers were present, and thirty-one temples were officially represented. Besides this there were present a large number of visitors.

In his annual address Imperial Potentate Sam Briggs reported the issuance of charters to the following by resolution of the thirteenth annual session:

Abdallah Temple, Leavenworth, Kan.
Acca Temple, Richmond, Va.
Isis Temple, Salina, Kan.
Osiris Temple, Wheeling, W. Va.

Among the dispensations of the year were these:

To Noble E. S. Dudley as special deputy, June 18, 1887, to form Sesostris Temple, at Lincoln, Neb.

To Saltanat Temple, London, Ont., August 27, 1887, continuing the dispensation until this session of the Imperial Council.

To Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo., December 8, 1887, to communicate the Order at a special session for a special purpose.

The charter for Moila Temple is dated December 1, 1887, along with El Jebel, of Denver, Col., and Ararat of Kansas City, Mo.

To Noble Richard A. Ketner as special deputy, December 22, to install officers of Ararat Temple, Kansas City.

To Noble James W. Cook as special deputy, January 19, 1888, to communicate the Order for the establishment of Al Kader Temple, at Portland, Oregon.

March 26, 1888, Noble Halsey W. Lombard, of Tripoli Temple, was appointed a special deputy to communicate the Order to Sir W. N. Baldwin and five associates to establish Algeria Temple, at Helena, Mont.

Other dispensations issued for the establishment of temples during the year were:

July 2, 1887, to Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and the date of the charter of this Temple was made the same, thus ending with victory the fight made against it by some of the members of Mecca Temple.

November 5, 1887, to Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y.
February 20, 1888, to Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, Cal.
March 30, 1888, to Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla.
April 3, 1888, to El Riad Temple, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

OFFICIAL VISITS OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE

During the year the Imperial Potentate made a number of official visits, and at most of them conferred the Order himself in his own inimitable style. Among the notable visits were these:

June 8, 1887, assisted by Divan of Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa, conferred Order at Erie, Pa.

June 29, Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y.

June 30, Moslem Temple, Detroit.

July and August, with Osman and Zuhrah Temple, of St. Paul, and Minneapolis.

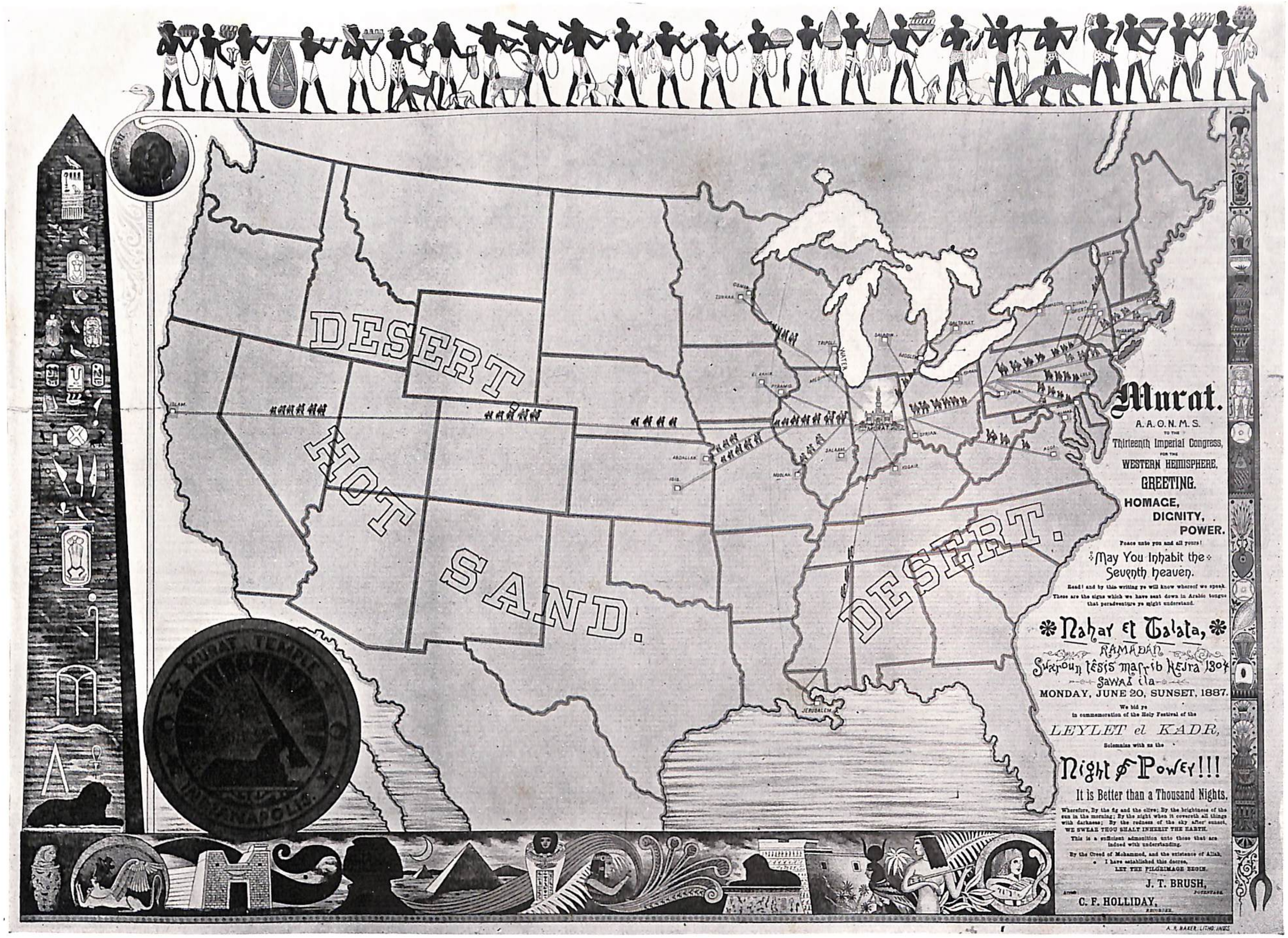
August 31, Mecca Temple, New York, on the occasion of the reception to Illustrious Noble John Worthington, Representative of the temples in the East.

January 25, 1888, to Hamilton, Ont., in the Oasis of Rameses Temple of Toronto.

January 30, to Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.

January 31, to Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md.

March 5, to Bradford, Pa., conferring the Order upon forty-one candidates assisted by the Divan of Syria Temple, of Pittsburg.



Murat.

A. A. O. N. M. S.
TO THE
Thirteenth Imperial Congress,
FOR THE
WESTERN HEMISPHERE,
GREETING.

HOMAGE,
DIGNITY,
POWER.

Peace unto you and all yours!

May You Inhabit the Seventh heaven.

Read! and by this writing ye will know whereof we speak.
These are the signs which we have sent down in Arabic tongue that peradventure ye might understand.

Nahar et Talata,
RAMADAN
Suxroun têsis magrib Hejra 1304
Sawaa ila
MONDAY, JUNE 20, SUNSET, 1887.

We bid ye
in commemoration of the Holy Festival of the
LEYLET el KADR,
Solemnize with us the

Night of Power!!!

It is Better than a Thousand Nights.

Wherefore, By the fig and the olive; By the brightness of the sun in the morning; By the night when it covereth all things with darkness; By the redness of the sky after sunset, WE SWEAR THOU SHALT INHERIT THE EARTH.

This is a sufficient admonition unto those that are indued with understanding.

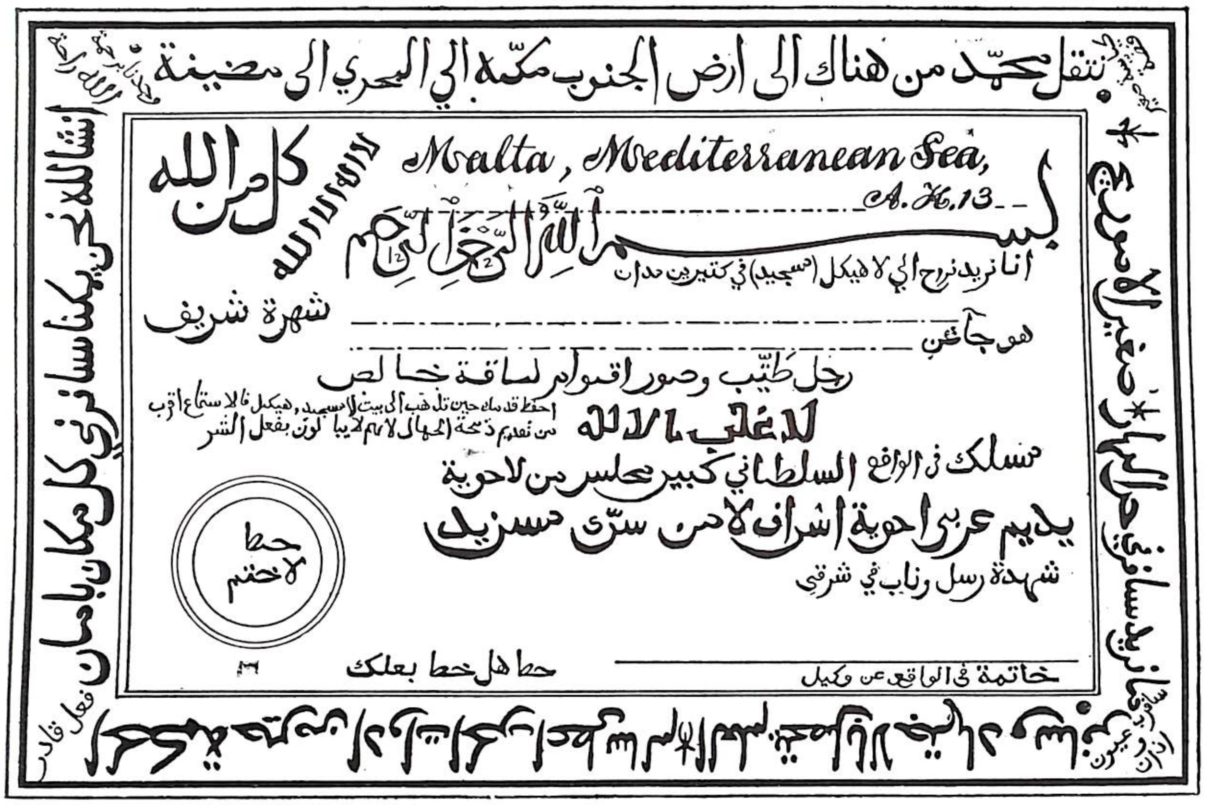
By the Creed of Mohammed, and the existence of Allah,
I have established this decree,
LET THE PILGRIMAGE BEGIN.

J. T. BRUSH,
POTENTATE.

Attest:
C. F. HOLLIDAY,
RECORDER.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL, HELD AT MURAT TEMPLE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., IN 1887

(Reduced Copy of Souvenir Invitation)



ينتقل محمد من هناك الى ارض الجنوب مكة الي البحري الى مضينة

كل من الله

لا اله الا الله

Malta, Mediterranean Sea,

A. H. 13

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

انا نريد نروح الي لا هيكل (مسجيد) في كتيرين مدان

شهرة شريف

هو جائن

رجل طيب وصور اقنوام لساقة خالص

احفظ قدسك حين تذهب الى بيت لامسجيد، هيكل فالاستماع اقرب من تقديم ذبحة الجهال لانهم لا يبا لون بفعل الشر

لا غالب الا الله

مسلك في الوافع السلطاني كبير مجلس من لاحوبة

يديم عربي احوية اشراف لامن سرّي مسزيك

شهادة رسل رناب في شرقي

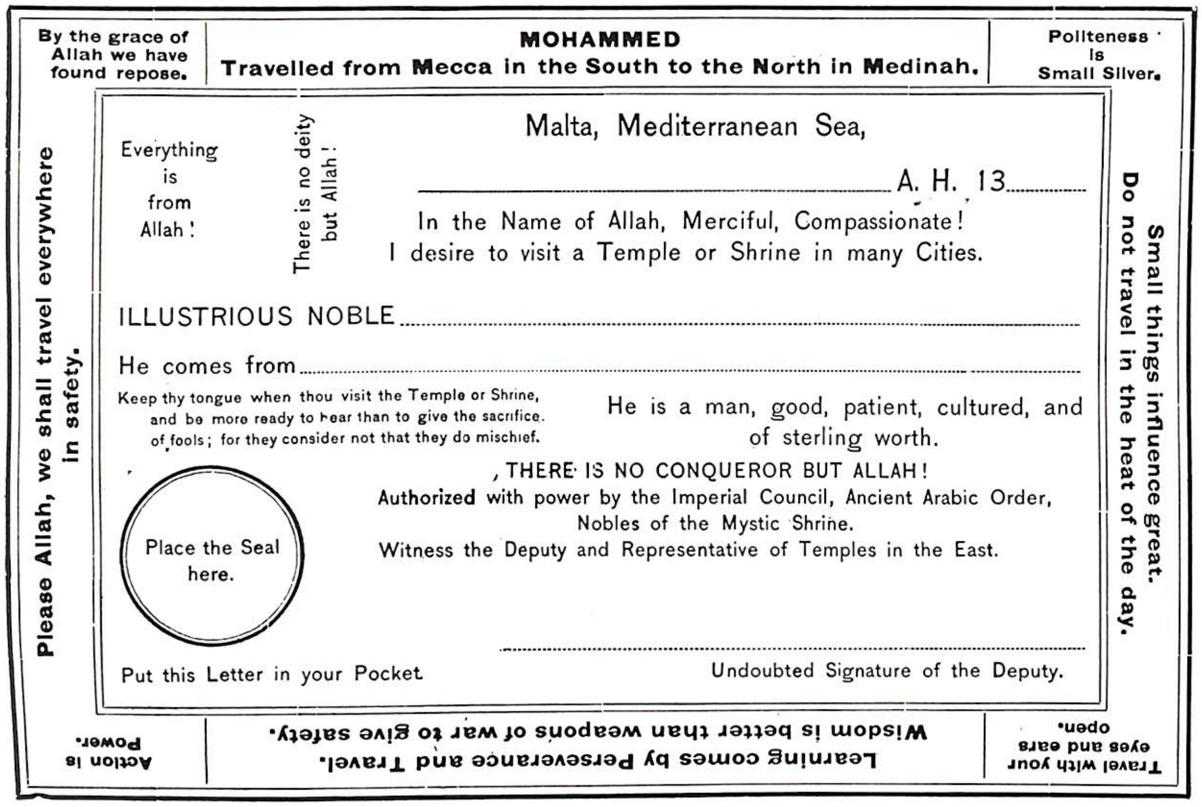
حط لاختم

حط هل خط بعلك

خاتمة في الواقع عن وكيل

انشاالله نحن يمكنا سافر في كل مكان بامان

ARABIC VISE´ USED BY NOBLE JOHN WORTHINGTON, UNITED STATES CONSUL TO MALTA, MEDITERRANEAN SEA, AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL TO MALTA, IN 1884



By the grace of Allah we have found repose.

MOHAMMED

Travelled from Mecca in the South to the North in Medinah.

Politeness is Small Silver.

Everything is from Allah!

There is no deity but Allah!

Malta, Mediterranean Sea,

A. H. 13

In the Name of Allah, Merciful, Compassionate!
I desire to visit a Temple or Shrine in many Cities.

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE

He comes from

Keep thy tongue when thou visit the Temple or Shrine, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools; for they consider not that they do mischief.

He is a man, good, patient, cultured, and of sterling worth.

, THERE IS NO CONQUEROR BUT ALLAH!

Authorized with power by the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.
Witness the Deputy and Representative of Temples in the East.

Place the Seal here.

Put this Letter in your Pocket

Undoubted Signature of the Deputy.

Please Allah, we shall travel everywhere in safety.

Small things influence great. Do not travel in the heat of the day.

Travel with your eyes and ears open.

Learning comes by Perseverance and Travel. Wisdom is better than weapons of war to give safety.

Action is Power.

TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE

March 23, to Medinah Temple, Chicago.

April 26, to Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.

June 4, 5 and 6, to El Jebel Temple, Denver, Col.

June 8, to Isis Temple, Salina, Kan.

June 9, to Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo., and Abdallah Temple, Leavenworth, Kan.

June 10, to Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.

During the year inquiries regarding the possible establishment of temples were received from Raleigh, N. C.; Wilmington, N. C.; Galveston, Tex.; El Paso, Tex.; Birmingham, Ala.; Memphis, Tenn.; and Nashville, Tenn.

APPRECIATION OF NOBLE WORTHINGTON'S SERVICES

In the annual address of the Illustrious Potentate is found this passage, which should be recorded in a history of the Shrine as an illustration of the appreciation of the many and long services rendered by Noble John Worthington.

"It was my pleasure during the past winter, with the assent of the Imperial Directory, to make amends for what appeared to me to have been an unfortunate oversight of the last Imperial Council. I allude to the services of Illustrious Noble John Worthington, the Representative of the Temples in the East, whose valuable correspondence has done so much to extend the influence of this Imperial body, and whose many acts of courtesy extended to members of the Order who journeyed toward the East and visited the historic island of Malta—where our representative has had his official residence for the past ten years—have endeared him to everyone who has had the pleasure of personally meeting him or who was aware of the facts.

"In view of these services, I felt it but proper that some recognition should be made, and I accordingly directed that the sum of $500 be forwarded to Illustrious Noble Worthington for his acceptance, and in reply our representative says: 'I cannot, I feel, fittingly say more than to inform you that . . . it is a most opportune gift. It lightens materially the load of debt I was leaving for doctors' services while ill in London. . . . I feel that I cannot thank your Imperial body sufficiently. I can only *try* to make you understand how sincerely and how gratefully I do thank you. *My heart is very full.* May Allah bless you and the noble Council . . . who did me this kindness! My life was well worth saving, if only that *I* might experience this high and fine act of goodness from my brother Nobles. Such an act as this stamps our Brotherhood at once as an example of what constitutes the very height of thoughtful and useful worth and excellence. I beg you to thank the Imperial Council for me, and in my name, and thank them warmly.'"

TRAVELING PASSPORT RECOMMENDED

"A traveling passport," said the Imperial Potentate in one portion of his address, "issued under the authority of the Imperial Council, under the Imperial seal and the signatures of the Imperial officers, should be substituted for the present unwieldy, and, for general purposes, practically useless diploma. And visitors should only be admitted upon presentation of such diploma, which should bear the *vise* of the Recorder of the subordinate temple, attested by its seal; and in cases where a visitor is not possessed of such passport he should only be admitted by absolute voucher.

"'And if any . . . shall demand protection of thee, grant him protection, that he may hear the word of the Prophet; and afterward give him a safe conduct, that he may return home again securely."—Surah IX.'"

The resignations of the following active members were received and accepted: Nobles Ezra S. Bartlett, Philadelphia, Pa.; Howard F. Hill, Montpelier, Vt.; and Ozias W. Shipman, Detroit, Mich.

The following Nobles were elected to fill the vacancies thus created: Frederick Leibrandt, Philadelphia, Pa.; William H. Herrick, Montpelier, Vt., and John B. Corliss, Detroit, Mich.

The number of active members was now 49; of past active members, 49; of emeriti members, 6; of representatives of temples in the East, 3. A total of 32 temples had been chartered and 16 others were under dispensation. The annual reports returned by the temples showed a total membership of 8169, a net increase for the year, of 3664, illustrating the rapid impetus which the Order had now gained.

Both Lu Lu and Medinah Temples extended invitations to become the host of the next session of the Imperial Council, and these invitations were referred to the proper committee. Invitations from Rameses Temple to participate in various entertainments and excursions which had been arranged in honor of the Imperial Council were gratefully accepted.

NEW TEMPLES CHARTERED

At this session charters were granted to the following Temples, which had been working under dispensation:

Algeria Temple, Helena, Mont.
Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, Cal.
Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.
El Jebel Temple, Denver, Col.
El Riad Temple, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Hella Temple, Dallas, Tex.
Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y.
Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans, La.
Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla.
Rameses Temple, Toronto, Canada.
Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Neb.

Dispensations were continued in the cases of Ballut Abyad Temple, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Al Kader Temple, Portland, Ore.; and Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo.

In the case of Saltanat Temple, of London, Ont., the dispensation was withdrawn upon recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The Imperial Potentate had traveled about ten thousand miles on no other business than that of the Shrine, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, he was paid not only his railroad fares, but was also allowed five dollars per diem while on such business.

A new constitution, rendered necessary by the rapid growth of the Order and the unexpected points which had been raised and decided by the Imperial Potentate and the Directory, was adopted at this session.

Provision for mileage and per diem of representatives was fixed at three cents a mile each way for the shortest distance by rail and five dollars per diem. The same allowance was made to the active members. Payments to active members aggregated $1637.22, and to representatives $597.24.

Majority and minority reports were made as to the place of the next meeting, the majority favoring Chicago, while the minority wished to accept the hospitality of Moolah Temple, of St. Louis. When the matter came before the Imperial Council, Moolah lost and Medinah was chosen as the next host.

TRAVELING CARD AUTHORIZED

On motion of Noble Joseph B. Eakins, the Imperial Potentate and Imperial Recorder were empowered to design and procure a small traveling certificate for the use of Nobles, to be used in place of the present unwieldy diploma.

Among the Nobles who entered the Unseen Temple during the year and whose names were entered upon the record, was Illustrious Noble Cortes F. Holliday, Recorder of Murat Temple, and for many years Secretary of the Indianapolis Board of Trade. He was born September 28, 1844, received his first light in Masonry in 1872, later became Secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies in Indianapolis, and at Boston, in 1882, was crowned with the thirty-third degree. He was received into the Nobility in Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, November 17, 1882, and became a charter member of Murat Temple in 1884. His death occurred March 5, 1888.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH TEMPLES IN THE EAST

During the year letters were received, written in Arabic, Turkish, Persian, French, and German, from the following Nobles of the Temples opposite their names:

Osman ben Ganem, Djezzar Pasha Temple (Heykal), Akka, Syria.
Omar ben Kedia, Walee el Jemel Temple, Aleppo, Syria.
John Hornstein, Skander Temple, Alexandria, Egypt.
Abu ben Belot, Algiers Temple, Algiers, Algeria.
Rhodokanakis, Hassan Temple, Athens, Greece.
Yakoob el Mooruss, Rasheed Temple, Bagdad, Persia.
Haroon al Murad, Bardool Temple, Bassora, Persia.
Samuel Hallock, Libnan Temple, Beirut, Syria.
Chunder Sen Saeed, Brahm Temple, Benares, India.
Kiamil Adwee, Oorda Temple, Biskra, Algeria.
Mahmood ibn Maroodee, Mofrad Temple, Bokhara, Persia.
Omar ben Mallatah, Solyman Temple, Broosa, Asia Minor.
Zoolfiker Fauzee, Alee Pasha Temple, Cairo, Egypt.
John C. Brisson, Mohammad Temple, Cannes, France.
Mohmood Kayat, Kaf Temple, Constantine, Algeria.
Hassan ibn Ukreezee, Saladin Temple, Damascus, Syria.
Moomeen el Baraka, Beder Temple, Dayr el Kamr, Syria.
Hosayn ibn Bezzani, Bab el Jannat Temple, Fez, Morocco.
Gieuseffe Fagnani, Taala Temple, Genoa, Italy.
Henry Wilson, Mehakma Temple, Gibraltar, Spain.
Mavrogordato, Alee el Shahed Temple, Jaffa, Palestine.
Conrad Schick, Omar Temple, Jerusalem, Palestine.
H. J. Rustumjee, Kong-fu-tsee Temple, Kurrachee, India.
John Worthington, Valetta Temple, Island of Malta.
Charles L. Peyssonnel, Bokhara Temple, Marseilles, France.
Omar el Mitmen, el Rasool Temple, Mecca, Arabia.
Amroo el Nafee, Fadeel Temple, Oran, Algeria.
Thevenot, Mohammad Temple, Paris, France.
Bakree ben Taaleb, Lateef Temple, Port Said, Egypt.
William T. Parsons, Alee Temple, Rome, Italy.
C. Markanyan, el Rashid Temple, Smyrna, Asia Minor.
Maimoon ben Abdar, Masroor Temple, Suez, Egypt.
Narjeeb Meeyan, Firdausee Temple, Tabreez, Persia.
Fendee el Serk, Barkook Temple, Tangier, Morocco.
Henri Maillard, Omar el Kebeer Temple, Toulon, France.
Remayah ibn Majellee, El Bardo Temple, Tunis, Algeria.
Alessandro Bignola, Kemela Temple, Turin, Italy.
Abdullah ben Fyz, Yailah Temple, Tripolis, Algeria.

COMMUNICATION OF ORDER PROHIBITED

Until this time it has been permissible, under certain duly authorized conditions, to communicate the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine upon certain Knights Templar, thirty-second or thirty-third degree Masons, preliminary to the forming of a new temple, and this was usually delegated to a Deputy. The growth of the Order was now such that the Imperial Potentate Sam Briggs, issued an edict, July 13, 1888, requiring that the Order be conferred only in full ceremonial form within the body of a legally constituted temple, and expressly forbid communication, unless allowed by dispensation, and all applications for this purpose must be accompanied by substantial reasons for the request.

FIFTEENTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL

The fifteenth annual session of the Imperial Council was held at Al Beyt Ullah 'l-Haram of Medinah Temple, in Chicago, on the 18th day of the tenth Arabic month, Shawwal, A. H. 1306, corresponding to June 17, 1889 A. D. The importance of these annual assemblies had now become such that reduced rates were granted by the railroads within the territory of the Central Traffic Association, Trunk Line, and Western Passenger Association. The result was the gathering, not only of the Imperial Council and representatives, but also many Nobles and Arab patrols, and there was a marked development of pageantry in connection with the sessions of the Imperial Council.

In his annual address the Imperial Potentate was pleased to note that his edict, issued in July of the preceding year, prohibiting the communication of the Order except under emergent conditions, had aroused the officers of the subordinate temples to the importance of the ritual and accessories, until now there was not to his knowledge any temple which was not fully equipped and in condition to render the ceremonial as prescribed by the Statutes. Only seven dispensations were granted for the communication of the Order, and one of these was to ten Knights Templar of Tacoma, Wash., September 5, 1888, for the organization of Afifi Temple.

During the year the black camel had halted in front of the tent of Illustrious Noble Joseph Meyers Levéy, Imperial Treasurer, who entered the Unseen Temple, August 20, 1888. Suitable tribute was paid to the memory of Noble Levéy.

Others who entered the Unseen Temple included Noble John W. Simons, one of the thirteen organizers of Mecca Temple; Noble Theodore E. Haslehurst, charter member of Oriental Temple; Noble William H. Klinesmith, Treasurer of Boumi Temple, and Noble Hial O. Hatch, a charter member of Mount Sinai Temple, and Noble Samuel Harper, organizer of Syria Temple, and one of the first officers of the Imperial Council.

YELLOW FEVER AT JACKSONVILLE

The Jacksonville epidemic of 1888 was referred to by the Imperial Potentate in these words:

"'The tokened pestilence, where Death is sure,' has made sad inroads upon the community where was located the youngest of our chartered Temples,—Morocco, at Jacksonville, Florida,—and the history of the sad event is the most doleful chronicle of the year 1888. The scourge was most pitiful,—an entire city depopulated, the marts of trade laid waste, and naught to be seen in the silent streets but the wasting victim, the sad procession to the silent tomb, and the unwearying physician and the self-sacrificing nurse plying their merciful trade among those stricken down or unable to flee from the path of the fell contagion.

"The officers and members of Morocco Temple, aided by associate Knights Templar, organized themselves into a 'relief corps,' and, full knightly with their armor on, displayed the beauties of fraternal love and affection to all the suffering, irrespective of race, creed, or affiliation.

"Illustrious Noble Baldwin, the Recorder of Morocco Temple, himself a physician, fell a victim in the combat against the destroyer, while his associates, Mallett, Ely, Dunn, and McLain, equally braving the danger, carried on the work of charity so well begun and stoutly maintained, until

> "'The icy fang and churlish chiding of the winter's wind drove the grim demon of Despair back to his hiding place.'"

"Well and nobly were the labors of this grand quintet aided by the Fraternity throughout the land, to whom no appeal for aid was ever made in vain. Brother, Companion, Frater, Noble, all vied with one another in the grand work, and a steady stream of needed supplies poured forth from every town, village, and hamlet, with funds aggregating nearly eleven thousand dollars, which went to this "Templar Relief Corps" alone.

"The acknowledgments received classify the contributions to this noble humanitarian work as follows:

Commanderies	$5,904.50
Temples	2,769.25
Individuals	1,080.10
Lodges	730.00
Total	$10,483.85

"A special committee should, I think, make suitable recorded recognition in the Minutes of this Council."

JOHNSTOWN FLOOD RELIEF

"Another calamity equally calling for our sympathies and material aid, has occurred within our borders, the loss of life and property, and the incident distress, being well known to us all. I have presumed upon the sentiment of this Imperial Body, and have directed the sum of five hundred dollars to be forwarded for the relief fund at Johnstown, Pa.

"Thus far there have been contributed for the relief of the Johnstown sufferers the following amounts:

Imperial Council	$500
Abdallah Temple, Leavenworth	50
Aleppo Temple, Boston	100
Al Koran Temple, Cleveland ($200 through local committee)	300
Almas Temple, Washington	25
Boumi Temple, Baltimore	50
El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids	50
Kismet Temple, Brooklyn	50
Kosair Temple, Louisville	25
Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia ($500 through Grand Lodge Pennsylvania)	775
Mecca Temple, New York	250
Murat Temple, Indianapolis	100
Oriental Temple, Troy	50
Osiris Temple, Wheeling	50
Osman Temple, St. Paul	100
Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport	100
Sesostris Temple, Lincoln	25
Syria Temple, Pittsburg	200
Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee	50
Total	$2,850

NOTABLE DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

Among the dispensations granted during the year were these:

September 5, 1888, to Noble Frank S. Hastings, Director Abdallah Temple, to institute Afifi Temple, Tacoma, Wash.

April 19, 1889, to Past Potentate Joseph K. Ashby, Hella Temple, to institute Sahara Temple, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Dispensation was granted El Jebel Temple of Denver, to confer the order at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 8-9, 1888.

It having been discovered that through oversight Syria Temple, of Pittsburg, was still working under a dispensation issued May 9, 1877, a charter having been authorized but not issued through inadvertence, a charter was issued, bearing proper date, and sent to the Temple, January 7, 1889.

Upon the withdrawal of the dispensation of Saltanat Temple, of London, Ont., as directed by the last session of the Imperial Council, the members thereof were remanded to their former allegiance in Moslem Temple, Detroit.

April 19, 1889, dispensation was issued to form Tangier Temple, at Omaha, Neb.

The Imperial Potentate reported that negotiations were pending for the consent of Palestine Temple, of Newport, for the formation of a temple at Providence, or the removal of Palestine Temple from Newport to Providence. The matter was referred to Imperial Assistant Rabban Hosley, March 24, 1889, and while favorable progress was reported, no definite conclusion had been attained.

The consent of the nearest temple was denied in the case of requests from Moberly, Mo., and Topeka, Kan. Little Rock joined with Sahara Temple at Pine Bluff. Osceola, Iowa, wanted a temple, but the consent of the nearest temple was reported doubtful. Nothing had developed with reference to the requests for temples at Chattanooga, Nashville, and Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga.

OFFICIAL VISITS OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE

Official visits were made by the Imperial Potentate as below:

June 26, 1888, Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y.
September 20, 1888, Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.
October 22, 1888, Acca Temple, Richmond, Va.
November 20, 1888, Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio (inspected by Imperial Chief Rabban James H. Thompson).
November 30, 1888, Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y.
January 18, 1889, Mt. Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt.
January 29, 1889, Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md.
January 30, 1889, Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.
February 20, 1889, El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
February 27, 1889, Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee, Wis.
March 6, 1889, Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.
March 7, 1889, Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.
March 29, 1889, Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.
April 26, 1889, Kosair Temple, Louisville, Ky.
April 27, 1889, Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio.
May 13, 1889, Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y.

DECISIONS OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE

Aleppo Temple: "A protest against conferring the Order upon an applicant previously elected is lawful, and should be observed, no provision to the contrary existing in the by-laws."

Al Malaikah Temple: "After a candidate has been declared elected, any subsequent objection should be required to be filed in writing, which must stand. If, however, the candidate should have been elected at an earlier meeting and should not present himself for the Order until a later period, and at that latter occasion an objection should be raised by a Noble who had, in the interim, been elected, and had received the Order — in that case I should overrule the objection."

Algeria Temple: "After an applicant has been declared elected as the result of a ballot had at a session, either regular or at a special call for the purpose, due notice of which has been given, such election must stand, unless a subsequent objector shall give his objections in writing, or state them privately to Potentate, who shall be sole judge of the sufficiency thereof."

Moolah Temple: "An offense committed by a Noble, which has caused his suspension or expulsion in any Order membership in which is a prerequisite to this Order, such suspension or expulsion must similarly affect his standing in this temple."

Islam Temple: "A dimitted Knight Templar or Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason, not under suspension or expulsion, or under charges preferred, is in good standing, and eligible to receive this Order."

Almas Temple: "The petition of an applicant being placed in the hands of your 'Committee of Five' (who pass upon all petitions) at a regular meeting of your temple, and such committee indorsing his application, no objection could be entertained adverse to his receiving the Order, other than a *written protest* to be filed with the Recorder *before* candidate is *summoned* for the ceremony."

"An application rejected by your committee could not be again presented for thirteen (13) weeks, but your committee could reconsider their action sooner, should they elect so to do."

Almas Temple: "A rejection holds good for thirteen (13) weeks. A written protest lasts forever, if writer (protester) does not revoke before his decease. A verbal protest or objection is of no effect, and is neither binding on temple nor Potentate. A petition may be withdrawn by consent of temple; otherwise, applicant must be elected, rejected in the usual manner provided by the law of the temple, or protested as herein set forth."

STRENGTH OF THE ORDER DECEMBER 31, 1888

The report of the Imperial Recorder showed the total membership in the Order to have now grown to 10,377. During the year 1888, 2881 new Nobles had been created in temples, 79 had affiliated or had been restored to membership, and 181 had become charter members of temples under dispensation. Losses were 66 by death, 191 by dimits, 68 by suspension, and 4 by expulsion.

The invitation of Islam Temple, San Francisco, to become the host of the next session of the Imperial Council, was accepted.

An appropriation of $500 was made for the relief of the sufferers by fire in Seattle, Wash. The matter was officially reported by Illustrious Potentate F. B. Gault, of Afifi Temple, Tacoma, June 7, in which he said:

"Yesterday, in the midst of our preparation for our ceremonies and banquet to-night, the news came that 'Seattle is burning up.' Later tidings only increased the gravity of the situation. To-day, a live, prosperous city of twenty-five thousand people is in ruins. Not a business building in the city was left intact. An area of one and a half miles long and four blocks wide was swept over by the flames. The mills, depots, wharves, all the banks—everything was consumed. Our Nobles were among the first to extend practical aid. One sent a boat load of provisions and supplies. Others have given large sums of money, and are aiding the relief committees in the various ways that liberal hearts and large means suggest.

"Under the circumstances, we deemed it advisable to abandon our observances for this evening. Many of our Nobles live in Seattle. I was there on Tuesday, and they and their ladies were enthusiastic over this reception. Among the many other minor misfortunes incident to the great calamity, Afifi Temple has had its disappointment. We had eight novices from Seattle, and in all a class of twenty or twenty-five."

Acknowledgment of the donation of the Imperial Council was received in these words:

> Olympia, July 10, 1889.
>
> Mr. James McGee, *Acting Treasurer, Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. Shrine, New York City.*
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> Illustrious Sir and Frater: Some time since I received through Illustrious Potentate F. P. Gault, of Afifi Temple, at Tacoma, draft for five hundred dollars, donation of the Imperial Council for Seattle sufferers. And while due acknowledgment was made at the time to him for the handsome donation, I take it that it is not out of place at this time to return to the Imperial Council, through you, our grateful appreciation for this act of charity and deed of pure benevolence—one which we can never forget, as it came to us at a time when our hearts were sorely tried, and were indeed bowed down. But God has been good to us in our affliction, and sent us friends indeed.
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> This is but another instance of the good of grand Masonic institutions. And may it never grow less!
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> Again, in behalf of the Brothers of the Mystic Tie and Nobles of the Shrine, permit me to thank you from the bottom of my heart.
>
> Yours fraternally,
>
> T. P. DYER.

DOORS CLOSED ON CERNAUISM

The following change in the ritual was proposed by Noble George R. Metcalf, in order to settle forever the question of the standing of members of the so-called Cernau rite:

> "*Resolved,* That on page 19 of ritual, at end of the third line, there be added the following words:
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> "'Of the obedience of the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Masonic Jurisdictions of the United States, or of some Supreme Council in communion and amity with these, and recognized as legal and lawful by them; nor will I, at any subsequent time, unite myself to any so-called Scottish Rite body which may be pronounced illegal and clandestine by the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine.'"

NEW TEMPLES CHARTERED

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to the following Temples under dispensation:

Afifi Temple, Tacoma, Wash.
Al Kader Temple, Portland, Ore.
Ballut Abyad Temple, Albuquerque, New Mex.
Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo.

The dispensations of Sahara Temple, Pine Bluff, Ark., and Tangier Temple, Omaha, Neb., were continued for another year, and the matter of granting a dispensation for a temple at Moberly, Mo., was referred to the Imperial Potentate for his consideration and action.

ALCHYMIA TEMPLE OASIS OF MEMPHIS TENN

COMPLAINT AGAINST MEDINAH TEMPLE

The Committee on Grievances made the following report:

"The only matter brought before your committee was a complaint from Salaam Temple against Medinah Temple, regarding the conferring of the Order of the Shrine by the latter temple upon petitioners within the jurisdiction of Salaam.

"This matter was, at the last hour, brought before your committee, and proper time has not been afforded us to investigate a charge of so serious a nature.

"The Potentate of Medinah Temple was summoned to appear before your committee, and stated that copies of the charges had not been received by him or his Recorder, and he was not prepared to properly submit a reply during the time which could be given by your committee.

"Your committee recommend that this matter be referred to a special committee, with instructions to make a full examination, and be prepared with a recommendation at the next annual session of the Imperial Council."

This recommendation was adopted, and Nobles Joseph B. Eakins, Edward C. Culp, and George P. Balmain were appointed as a special committee, they comprising the Committee on Grievances.

TRIENNIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Imperial Council then entered upon the triennial election of officers, with the following result:

Sam Briggs, Imperial Potentate, Cleveland, Ohio.

Henry E. Hosley, Imperial Deputy Potentate, Boston, Mass.

William B. Melish, Imperial Chief Rabban, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Thomas J. Hudson, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Pittsburg, Pa.

John T. Brush, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Indianapolis, Ind.

Bruce Goodfellow, Imperial Oriental Guide, Detroit, Mich.

Joseph S. Wright, Imperial Treasurer, Philadelphia, Pa.

Frank M. Luce, Imperial Recorder, Chicago, Ill.

William H. Mayo, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, St. Louis, Mo.

Wayland Trask, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Cyrus W. Eaton, Imperial Marshal, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Edward C. Culp, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Salina, Kan.

Charles L. Field, Imperial Outer Guard, San Francisco, Cal.

Theodore Elmendorf, Imperial Assistant Guard, Cleveland, Ohio.

The thanks of the Imperial Council were extended to Noble George W. Millar for his attention to the duties of Imperial Treasurer since the death of Noble Joseph M. Levéy.

CHANGES IN THE LAW

The following recommendations of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws were adopted:

OBJECTION AFTER BALLOT

"After a candidate has been declared elected, any subsequent objection or protest must be filed in writing, and must stand. Said objection shall be entered upon the minutes, and shall have the same force and effect as a second black ball, and shall prevent a reconsideration of the matter for thirteen weeks."

REPRESENTATIVES

"Your committee recommend that Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution, be changed in the second sentence so as to read as follows, and as suggested by the Imperial Potentate:

"Each Temple shall be further entitled to one additional representative for every three hundred members, and one for each fraction over three hundred members, in its number of membership; but no Temple shall be allowed more than four representatives."

REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED ANNUALLY

"Your committee note the decision, made during this session by the Imperial Potentate, that representatives are elected for three years, which appears to conflict with the intention of the Constitution, and they submit the following amendment, which will lie over one year, under the rules:

"*Resolved,* That Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution be amended to read:

"'The representatives shall be chosen as follows. Each temple shall *annually* elect by ballot,' etc."

JURISDICTION AND CONSENT OF TEMPLES

"In the matter of jurisdiction of Temples and consent of nearest Temples, your committee are of the opinion that new legislation is needed, and will submit amendments, which will lie over for a year under the rules, as follows:

"*Resolved,* That Section 2, of Article XIII of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

"'No dispensation shall be issued unless the petition shall be submitted to the nearest temple of the Order in the State or Territory; but, in the event of a refusal of said nearest temple to grant consent, it shall be within the power of the Imperial Potentate to grant said dispensation without said consent, should he deem it for the best interests of the Order to do so. When an application for a dispensation in unoccupied territory is received,' etc., as now printed.

"*Resolved,* That the following be added to Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution.

"*Provided,* also, that this Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction between all temples in States where more than one temple exists, should it appear for the best interests of the Order to do so, but only after said disputing temples have failed to agree upon concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory.'"

SIXTEENTH SESSION OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL

The sixteenth annual session of the Imperial Council was held at Pittsburg, Pa., on Nahar el Etnin, the fourth day of the eleventh Arabic month of Dhu 'l Kaada, 1307 A. H., corresponding to June 23, 1890 A. D. At the previous session of the Imperial Council, which was held at Chicago, the invitation of Islam Temple, of San Francisco, to be the host of the Imperial Council at its sixteenth annual session, was accepted. However, the finances of the Imperial Council in the early spring of 1890 were such that it did not seem possible successfully to meet the expenses of the representatives for the long journey to San Francisco and return, as the matter of mileage would run into many thousand dollars, which the condition of the treasury would not justify. This matter was put very clearly to the Nobles of Islam Temple, and a change in the meeting place was made to Pittsburg, Pa., with Syria Temple as host, and headquarters were established at the Monongahela House. Those who were present at that session will recall that the weather was the hottest ever known in Pittsburg during the month of June, and the suffering of the representatives, as a consequence, was intense.

All but two of the Imperial officers were present when the Imperial Council convened, and the active membership was almost fully represented. A large number of the Nobles of the Order who were visitors were also present during the session.

The Imperial Council was opened and the usual ceremonies were observed, and, after a solemn invocation by the Imperial High Priest and Prophet, the Imperial Potentate, Noble Sam Briggs, delivered his annual address.

The Imperial Potentate called the attention of the assembly to the removal — August 19, 1899 — of Palestine Temple from Newport to Providence, R. I., this matter having been intrusted, at the last annual session, to Illustrious Deputy Imperial Potentate Henry E. Hosley, who accomplished the task in a manner satisfactory to all of the Nobles of Palestine Temple.

The question of jurisdiction in Nebraska was also settled, the State having been divided between Tangier Temple, at Omaha, and Sesestris Temple, at Lincoln. As an instance of the good fellowship existing in the Order, both these temples, jointly, made a pilgrimage to Hastings, Neb., for a most glorious observance of the ceremonies of the Order, and both entered heartily into the spirit of the hour.

NEW TEMPLES FORMED

Dispensations for temples were granted by the Imperial Potentate as follows:

September 15, 1899, to Sir George C. Connor, and others, for Alhambra Temple, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

November 13, 1899, to Illustrious Rufus E. Fleming, and others, for El Zagal Temple, at Fargo, N. Dak.

November 21, 1899, to Illustrious John S. Alford, and others, for Yaarab Temple, at Atlanta, Ga.

A dispensation was also granted to Illustrious Francis M. Bishop, and others, for El Kalah Temple, at Salt Lake City, Utah; and to Illustrious Clarence S. Scott, and others, for El Katif Temple, at Spokane, Wash.

The Imperial Potentate recommended the granting of charters to Tangier Temple, at Omaha, Neb.; also to Alhambra, El Zagal, and Yaarab Temples.

The official visits of the Imperial Potentate during the year included Ismailia Temple, at Buffalo, N. Y., and Alhambra Temple, at Chattanooga, Tenn., which was established by the Illustrious Potentate in September, 1899; also Almas Temple, at Washington, D. C.

Al Koran Temple, at Cleveland, Ohio, was inspected by Imperial Assistant Rabban T. J. Hudson, while Charles H. Heaton, Special Deputy, inspected Oriental Temple at Troy, N. Y., and Henry E. Hosley, Deputy Imperial Potentate, officially inspected Almas, Acca, Boumi, and Lu Lu Temples.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS RENDERED

Among the decisions made by the Imperial Potentate were these:

ALHAMBRA TEMPLE: "Every temple is sovereign in its own jurisdiction, whether under charter or dispensation, and no applicant resident in such jurisdiction can apply elsewhere without the consent of the temple."

KOSAIR TEMPLE: "The right to object to any visiting member is inherent with every Noble in good standing, but no member in good standing in his temple can be expelled, or ordered out, at the request of another member, except upon charges made, trial, conviction, and sentence. Neither would a temple have the right to take such steps except by the action of the Imperial Council. Any member in good standing in his temple has equal rights with any other member, and nothing can endanger this right, except he fall under suspension, expulsion as a Knight Templar, or a thirty-second degree Mason, and in which case I would certainly rule that his membership in this Order be similarly affected."

DAMASCUS TEMPLE: "A Potentate cannot resign after having been duly elected and installed; neither can he be forced to accept re-election after having served one term."

FINANCES OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Making reference to the financial condition of the Imperial Council, the Illustrious Potentate said:

"It became apparent that the selection of San Francisco as a place of meeting was a mistake; and I firmly believed that the best interests of the Order demanded a change in this particular; even after protests had been made and objections raised, I deemed it to be not only imperative and wise, but my solemn duty, to call a special meeting to deliberate upon the financial condition of the Order. . . .

"This body is a National Assembly, having for its object the good of all concerned; and, consequently, the more representatives we may gather at our annual sessions, the more thorough and satisfactory will our work be.

"If this Order is to be placed upon an enduring foundation, it will be largely by reason of wise legislation. The day when the individual representative put his hand in his own pocket to defray legislative expenses of his temple has gone by; a business rule now governs and is engrafted on the Constitution and By-laws. While a session held at any point within our jurisdiction entails extraordinary expenses upon some, certainly a session held at any other point than a central or convenient point would entail much more expense, and a consequent smaller attendance, which conditions certainly are not desirable. A brief statement of our financial condition will show where we are drifting.

"At the beginning of the year we had a balance in the treasury of about $11,000. Our receipts during those twelve months were about $9,700, and the output during that same period amounted to nearly $13,300, leaving a balance in the treasury of nearly $7,400.

"It will readily be seen, in the light of former experience, what the condition of the treasury will be in the near future. And with this view of our affairs continually before me, and the knowledge that our Institution is an expensive one to maintain, I determined to call a meeting in this city to discuss the financial condition of our Order.

"Article III, section 6, of the By-laws recites how mileage shall be paid, but no provision is made, or source defined, from which the revenue for such purpose shall accrue, and which may be devoted to mileage and per diem purposes. A diploma fee is $2. The annual dues (per hundred members) are $10. A temple of two hundred and fifty members creates five new Nobles. Thirty dollars dues and fifty dollars diploma fees send out a representative whose mileage and per diem equals or exceeds this amount, and the Imperial Council has not received a mill of contribution from this subordinate temple toward the actual running expenses.

"Now, I would suggest, as a measure of relief, that each subordinate temple be required to pay (per hundred members) $20 as annual dues, and no temple shall pay less than thirty dollars per annum, and that the diploma fee shall be increased to four dollars; that one-half of the revenue from this source be devoted to mileage and to this per diem expense; that no representative, or representatives, shall be entitled to mileage beyond one-half the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for annual dues and diploma fees, by such temple as he, or they, represent."

The annual report of the Imperial Recorder showed the total number of the members of the Imperial Council to be 73, with the number of temples chartered to date 48. The number of temples under dispensation was 5. The number of Nobles, December 1, 1888, was 10,377. During the calendar year ending December 31, 1889, there was an increase of 3,583 members, less a decrease of 322 members by death, dimit, suspension, or expulsion, leaving the total number of members in good standing, December 31, 1889, 13,368.

The complaint made by Salaam Temple, at Olney, Ill., against Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill., and which was referred at the last session of the Imperial Council to a special committee, was reported as having been satisfactorily adjusted. The Potentates of both temples appeared before the committee and seemed disposed to come to some harmonious conclusion as to the jurisdiction of the respective temples. According to the statement of Illustrious John A. Hay, Potentate of Medinah Temple, since the last session of the Imperial Council, there has been no apparent clash between these two temples; at the same time Salaam Temple has done no work except upon one candidate. The committee therefore recommended that all work heretofore done be considered as having been done in good faith, and, considering the geographical situation of Salaam Temple, which gives it jurisdiction over two-thirds of the State of Illinois, they recommended to the Imperial Council that concurrent jurisdiction be given to these two temples in that State. The recommendations of the committee were adopted by the Imperial Council.

CHARTERS GRANTED

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to the following temples:

Alhambra Temple, Chattanooga, Tenn.
El Zagal Temple, Fargo, N. Dak.
Sahara Temple, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Tangier Temple, Omaha, Neb.
Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, Ga.

At the last session of the Imperial Council a resolution was introduced for the appointment of a committee of five for the purpose of revising the ritual; and this matter being brought before the Imperial Council for action, the Imperial Potentate announced the following committee: Illustrious Nobles John W. Boyle, Cyrus W. Eaton, Thomas J. Hudson, George C. Connor, and William B. Melish.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Niagara Falls was selected as the place for the next annual meeting of the Imperial Council; and in accordance therewith, the seventeenth annual session of the Imperial Council was held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on Nahar el Etnin, the second day of the eleventh Arabic month of Zolkada, 1308 A. H., corresponding to June 9, 1891 A. D.

All but two of the Imperial officers were present at the opening, and nearly all of the active members.

The number of visitors was large, the time being favorable for a pilgrimage of the Nobles to Niagara Falls and the railroads having been especially liberal in regard to rates.

The Illustrious Imperial Potentate reported that dispensations for temples had been granted during the year as follows:

November 10, 1890, to George S. Obear, and others, for the formation of Zamora Temple, at Birmingham, Ala.

March 19, 1891, to Richard H. Huntington, and others, for the formation of Media Temple, at Watertown, N. Y.

April 18, 1891, to Bun F. Price, and others, for the formation of Al Chymia Temple, at Memphis, Tenn.

June —, 1891, to Charles S. Morse, and others, for the formation of Ben Hur Temple, at Austin, Texas.

Correspondence looking to the establishment of temples had been had with interested persons at Des Moines, Iowa; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Erie, Pa.; Galveston, Texas.

ZIYARA'S CHARTER HELD UP

The Imperial Potentate reported that the charter of Ziyara Temple, at Utica, N. Y., had been held up because of violation of the Constitution in taking members from outside its jurisdiction, including two from Ohio who had been several times rejected by Al Koran Temple, at Cleveland, Ohio.

It was also charged against Ziyara Temple that the initiation fee had not been enforced; that fees had not been properly paid to the Imperial Council; that the Potentate had violated his obligations to the Imperial Council; that he had not performed his duty as prescribed by the Constitution; and that the annual returns had not been properly made.

The Imperial Potentate recommended the incorporation of the Imperial Council in order that the present style and title be held exclusively, and in order that the body might be enabled to own property, should it become necessary so to do.

The report of the Imperial Treasurer, Joseph S. Rice, showed an improved state of the finances of the Order; the balance of cash on hand, May 30, 1891, being $10,563.47.

The Imperial Recorder reported the number of active members of the Imperial Council to be 71; the number of temples chartered to be 53; and the number of temples under dispensation 5. The total number of Nobles, December 31, 1890, was 16,980, showing an increase of over three thousand members during the year.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws recommended that the matter of incorporation be made a special matter for the next session.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that no charters be granted; but that dispensations be continued in the cases of the following temples:

Al Chymia, Memphis, Tenn.
El Kalah, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Media, Watertown, N. Y.
El Katif, Spokane, Wash.
Ben Hur, Austin, Texas.

and after discussion the committee was allowed to alter its report so as to grant charters to the following:

El Katif Temple, Spokane, Wash.
Media Temple, Watertown, N. Y.

whereupon the report, as amended, was adopted, and charters were accordingly issued to these two temples.

The Committee on Ritual made its report, but further consideration was postponed until the next annual session.

CHARGES AGAINST POTENTATE BOYLE IGNORED

In the matter of the suspension of the charter of Ziyara Temple, at Utica, N. Y., the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws split. The majority report was signed by Nobles William B. Mosler, William H. Male, and Joseph L. Dobben, they being of the opinion that the laws of the Imperial Council had been violated by Ziyara Temple in regard to the question of territorial jurisdiction, and supported the Imperial Potentate in his action of the suspension of said charters. The committee recommended that the action of the Imperial Potentate be endorsed, and that the charter of Ziyara Temple be restored upon the payment of all sums due.

The minority report was signed by George W. Millar and Charles W. Cushman, in which they stated that they favored the opinion of the Potentate in that John W. Boyle had been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of the Imperial Council in committing a violation of the law, and recommended that a committee of three members of the Imperial Council be appointed to investigate said charges, and that same be reported at the next session of the Imperial Council. The minority committee further recommended that said John W. Boyle be suspended from the office of potentate, and that Ziyara Temple be put in the hands of its Chief Rabban until such time as its charter shall be restored to it. When the ballot was taken, it resulted in 41 being in favor of the majority report, 24 opposing. The majority report, therefore, restoring the charter of Ziyara Temple, upon payment of its dues, and ignoring the charges against the Potentate, was adopted.

The Imperial Council adopted a resolution declaring as official the Arabic calendar prepared by Charles A. Hillar, of Salina, Kan.

Resolutions were adopted extending the thanks of the Imperial Council to Ismailia Temple, at Buffalo, N. Y., for the entertainment of the Imperial Council during its session at Niagara Falls.

Upon the petition of Charles W. Torrey, George O. Tyler, and A. L. Rossin, they were restored to the rank of Emeriti Members of the Imperial Council. The name of Charles T. McClenachan was added to the number of Emeriti Members.

Invitations for the next session of the Imperial Council were received from Syrian Temple, at Cincinnati Ohio, and from Tangier Temple, at Omaha, Neb.

SESSION HELD IN OMAHA

Four members of the committee reported in favor of Cincinnati; one member in favor of Omaha, Neb. When these reports came before the Imperial Council for action, the majority report was rejected and the minority report was adopted, after being amended so that the dates should be fixed for the Monday following the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States at Denver, Col.

The eighteenth annual session of the Imperial Council was therefore held at Omaha, Neb., on Nahar el Etnin, the 21st and 22d days of the first Arabic month of Moharrum 1310 A. H., corresponding to Monday and Tuesday, August 15 and 16, 1892 A. D.

The sessions were held in Free Masons' Hall. The attendance was unusually large, and the number of visitors was greater than at any session which had been held west of the Alleghany Mountains. Knights Templar, returning from the triennial conclave in Denver, stopped over at Omaha to join in the festivities incident to the sessions of the Imperial Council, as many of these Knights Templar were also Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Only two of the Imperial officers were absent from their stations when the Imperial Council was called to order, and almost a complete roll of members was noted.

The Imperial Potentate was pleased to point out the wonderful increase in the popularity of the Mystic Shrine, there being sixty-two temples and a total of 22,789 Nobles within the jurisdiction of the Imperial Council at the time the Imperial Potentate made his address.

NOTED DEAD OF THE YEAR

It was a painful duty of the Imperial Potentate to call the attention of the Body to a number of notable members of the Order who had entered the Unseen Temple since the last annual session. Among these were :

William Jermyn Florence, 32°, Grand Shareef of Mecca Temple, and Representative of Temples in the East, died at Philadelphia, Pa., November 19, 1891. Noble Florence was one of the founders of the Order.

Others of the noted dead were :

David Kalakaua, 32°, King of the Hawaiian Islands, a Noble of Islam Temple, died at San Francisco, Cal., on January 29, 1891.

Mohammed Tewfik Pasha, Viceroy, Khedive of Egypt, Shareef Sultan of the Shrine at Cairo, Egypt, died at Cairo, January 7, 1892.

Edward Mitchell, 33°, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Ontario, a Noble of Al Koran Temple, at Cleveland, Ohio, died at Buffalo, N. Y., February 22, 1892.

William Franklin Baldwin, 32°, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Ohio; also a Noble of Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, died at Mount Vernon, Ohio, on April 3, 1892.

Charles H. Harris, 32°, a Noble of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill., died on May 4, 1892.

COMBINATION OF MASONIC AND SHRINE EMBLEMS FORBIDDEN

The Imperial Potentate, under date of June 1, 1892, had issued an edict prohibiting the proposed parade of the members of this Order at Denver, Col., during the triennial conclave of the Knights Templar in which he held that the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is not a Masonic Institution, and has nothing in common with the Order of Knights Templar except in so far that members of the latter may become initiates in the former; and he deemed it manifestly improper that any display of the Ancient Arabic Order should be made on Masonic occasions like the triennial conclave.

The charter of Syria Temple was restored on July 14, 1891, the officers of that temple having complied with the conditions imposed upon it by the Imperial Council at their last session.

Dispensations were granted to F. T. Falkner, and others, for the formation of Kora Temple, at Lewiston, Maine, December 14, 1891; to A. K. McMoslan, and others, for the formation of Zem

Zem Temple, at Erie, Pa., December 22, 1891; to O. A. Harrison, and others, for the formation of Hamasa Temple, at Meridian, Miss., May 26, 1892.

A petition was received June 29, 1891, for a dispensation for the establishment of Al Hassan Temple, at San Antonio, Texas, from Henry F. Ellis, and others. But this dispensation was not granted, as Hella Temple, of Dallas, Texas, in whose jurisdiction the new temple was to be, did not consent.

A petition was also received March 20, 1892, from John P. Staffner, and others, for the establishment of Bismillah Temple, at Bristol, Va., which would be within the jurisdiction of Acca Temple. The latter temple not consenting, however, this dispensation was refused.

A petition was also received from Noble C. E. Rondenberg, for the establishment of a temple at Columbus, Miss., but this petition was received about the same time that a similar request was made for a temple at Meridian, Miss., when the Imperial Potentate, upon noting the location and the relative importance of the two cities, issued a dispensation to Meridian, it being the larger and more centrally located.

Correspondence, had also been had with reference to the establishment of temples at Deadwood, S. Dak.; Reading, Pa., and Asheville, N. C.

INSTITUTION OF ZEM ZEM TEMPLE

On the 13th of April, 1892, the Imperial Potentate instituted Zem Zem Temple at Erie, Pa., at which time he was accompanied by one hundred and fifty members of Al Koran Temple at Cleveland, Ohio, and about one hundred members of Syria Temple at Pittsburg, Pa., also about eighty members of Ismailia Temple at Buffalo, N. Y.

The occasion was quite a notable affair. The cohorts of the various temples under the command of the Illustrious Chief Rabban Moses J. Carrel of Al Koran Temple; Illustrious Charles W. Cushman, Potentate of Ismailia Temple, and Illustrious Thomas J. Hudson, Potentate of Syria Temple, were marshalled in line in front of the Reed House at Erie, and, headed by Collier's Band, marched to Cabel's Hall, where preparations had been made for the institution of the temple. The initial work was performed by the officers of the visiting temples, the ceremonies in the first, second, and third sections being exemplified by Syria, Ismailia, and Al Koran Temples, respectively.

A class of fifty-three novices made the journey over the hot sands of the desert, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies all the Temple Nobles proceeded to Mannerchor Hall, where an elaborate banquet was served. Music and speech-making were interspersed after the courses.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

Official visits were made by the Imperial Potentate to Syrian Temple, at Cincinnati, Ohio; Alhambra Temple, at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Yaarab Temple, at Atlanta, Ga.; Zamora Temple, at Birmingham, Ala.; Murat Temple, at Indianapolis, Ind.; Medinah Temple, at Chicago, Ill.; Syria Temple, at Pittsburg, Pa.; Lu Lu Temple, at Philadelphia, Pa.; Mecca Temple, at New York, N. Y.

"Lu Lu Temple," the Imperial Potentate reported, "has purchased a building formerly used for church purposes, and one not knowing its former uses, would never suspect that it was not erected and intended for the especial purposes and objects of the 'Shrine.'" . . "No amount of pen description" he reported, "could furnish any adequate idea of the thorough fitness of the building and its appliances for the purposes to which it has been adapted, not only as a building eligibly and centrally located, but it is situated so as to guarantee perfect immunity from annoyances from the outside. The trustees have accumulated other property immediately adjoining the present building, by means of which they propose to enlarge and beautify their already perfect home."

DEATH OF THE HAWAIIAN KING

As an appendix to the address of the Imperial Potentate, he transmitted obituaries of the noted dead of the year. This included a sketch of the life of David Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands, who died at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Cal., June 20, 1891. His Majesty was a member of La Loge l'Oceanique, F. & A. M. of Honolulu, under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Council (Thirty-third degree), France, a companion of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Grand Council of the United States, an Honorary Member of the Thirty-third Degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States; a Knight Templar, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, which latter order was conferred on him in full form on Wednesday evening, January 14, 1891, by Islam Temple. He was born at Honolulu, on the Island of Oahua, November 16, 1836, being the eldest son of C. Kapaakeac, a native chief, who it is erroneously supposed was connected by blood with the Kamehamehas, who were the reigning families in 1862. Kalakaua was married to a Mohammedan lady — Kapolani — and her father was one of the earliest converts to Christianity. Kalakaua was elected King on the 12th of February, 1874, by the legislature, and immediately ascended the throne contrary to the wishes of the people. The legislature was in favor of Queen Emma, but after taking their seats they were induced to give their votes to Kalakaua. This they did, and an immediate revolt was inaugurated and the life of Kalakaua was threatened. In the midst of the trouble a file of marines, who had just landed from an English vessel, proceeded to Queen Emma's palace on the double-quick. The natives, believing it the intention to place Kalakaua on the throne, were thus thrown off their guard and quickly overpowered. Queen Emma died in 1885.

In 1874 the American government sent an invitation to his Majesty to visit the United States, and the United States steamship "Vincennes," under the command of Captain Hopkins, was placed at his disposal. The object of his visit was to establish the reciprocity treaty between Hawaii and the United States. He sailed from Honolulu on November 17, 1874, and arrived in San Francisco on the 29th of the same month, being the first reigning king to become a guest of the American Republic. His mission was successfully accomplished, and he returned home in 1875 after a three months' tour of the various points of interest. In 1880 he made a tour of the world with becoming ceremonies.

The funeral ceremonies of the late King were conducted by the American Government in a fitting manner. For the first time in the history of the United States a King had died on the soil of the great American Republic, and it was therefore considered fitting that the obsequies should be given with every honor commensurate with the importance of the occasion. Representatives of the Federal States and municipal governments vied with each other in making the scene one long to be remembered by those who witnessed it, while the Knights Templar, of which the King was a conspicuous member, paid their last tribute of respect to his memory.

It was shown by the annual report of the Imperial Recorder that the number of temples chartered up to July 13, 1892, was fifty-six, with six temples under dispensation, a total of seventy-eight active members of the Imperial Council; four Emeriti members, and three representatives of temples in the East. The total number of Nobles in the Order, December 31, 1891, was officially reported to be 21,127. There had been created during the year in temples 4,563 Nobles, 185 by affiliation, and 13 have become charter members of temples under dispensation. During the year, 186 Nobles were called to the Unseen Temple, 345 dimitted, 81 suspended, and two expelled.

IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS MADE

A number of amendments to the Constitution and By-laws were reported by the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, one of which fixed the representatives to Imperial Council at one representative for each temple, but each temple shall be allowed two representatives when its membership reaches three hundred; three when its membership reaches six hundred, and four when its membership reaches nine hundred, but no temple shall be allowed more than four representatives. This met with considerable opposition on the floor; Noble John T. Brush suggesting a substitute — which was lost — providing that two representatives should be permitted when the membership reaches three hundred; — one additional representative for each additional membership of three hundred.

An addition to the By-laws was also made requiring that any person who applies for the Order shall be an actual resident of the territory of temple to which he applies for at least six months.

Another important amendment was made to Article XXV, Section I where the number of black balls necessary to reject a candidate was changed from one to three, as expressed in the following resolution presented at the session of 1891:

> "*Resolved*, That a man who has been subjected to the rigid scrutiny appertaining to the Blue Lodge Chapter and Commandery or of the Scottish Rite Degrees, is entitled to be protected on application to the Shrine from the ignominy of rejection by the single vote which may be cast under erroneous impressions, or at times in malice, and shall, therefore, require three black balls to reject an applicant hereafter."

The Imperial Council rejected the proposed amendment to the By-laws in regard to making the initiation fee fifty dollars instead of twenty-five dollars.

ENTERTAINMENT PURSE FOR NOBLE WORTHINGTON

An appropriation of five hundred dollars was made for the purpose of entertaining visiting Nobles who were on their way to Jerusalem. This was to be placed at the disposition of Noble John Worthington, deputy representative of the temples in the East, as his own income was not adequate to meet the extra demands made upon it from the wandering sons of the desert, who were overcome by illness and were compelled to rest awhile in the tent of the Illustrious Associate stationed in the East.

NOBLE MELISH BECOMES IMPERIAL POTENTATE

The election of officers for the Imperial Council for the ensuing year was held with the following result:

William P. Melish, Imperial Potentate, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Thomas J. Hudson, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Pittsburg, Pa.

Charles L. Field, Imperial Chief Rabban, San Francisco, Cal.

Frank Locke, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Boston, Mass.

John T. Brush, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Indianapolis, Ind.

Lou Burt, Imperial Oriental Guide, Detroit, Mich.

Joseph S. Wright, Imperial Treasurer, Philadelphia, Pa.

Frank M. Luce, Imperial Recorder, Chicago, Ill.

Louis P. Ecker, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Richmond, Va.

Rufus E. Fleming, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Fargo, N. Dak.

Thomas J. Bishop, Imperial Marshal, Greenbush Heights, N. Y.

Gustave Anderson, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Omaha, Neb.

H. M. Spalding, Imperial Outer Guard, Denison, Texas.

Cincinnati, the home of the new Imperial Potentate, was selected as the place for the holding of the next annual session of the Imperial Council, and an invitation was also received from El Kalah Temple of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pa.; Kora Temple, Lewiston, Maine; Al Chymia Temple, Memphis, Tenn.; Ben Hur Temple, Austin, Texas; El Kalah Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The dispensation of Hamasa Temple, at Meridian, Miss., was continued for another year.

A dispensation was granted to Naja Temple, Deadwood, S. Dak.; Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa., asked for a dispensation, but Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, opposed it. The committee reported in favor of granting a dispensation, however, and the Imperial Council so ordered.

A number of Nobles residing in Topeka, Kan., asked for a dispensation, but action was postponed until the next annual session.

FURTHER ACTION ON COMBINED EMBLEMS

An amendment to the By-laws was adopted as follows:

> "The combining of the emblems of other secret orders or societies with the jewel of the Shrine is deemed inappropriate, and is therefore prohibited.
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> "The wearing of the fez and jewel of the Order upon occasions other than meetings of the Temples of the Arabic Order, or gatherings of Shriners under the authority of some legal body of the Order, is ill advised, and the Potentates are expected to prevent such action on the part of their members."

The above action was the result of a somewhat similar one taken at the Triennial Encampment of the Knights Templar held in Denver the week before. It had become a custom of many Shriners to suspend from the Tiger Claw Crescent of the Order, the Double Eagle of the thirty-second degree, or the Cross and Crown of the Knights Templar. It had also become a practice among the Knights Templar to add to the baldric the Tiger Claws and the Double Eagle of the thirty-second degree.

At the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar a By-law was established preventing the wearing of anything but the red cross on the white baldric, and the Imperial Council of the Shrine at the following meeting in furtherance of this movement, prevented the combination of the Shrine jewels with those of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, or of any other secret order. This By-law obtains to-day, and the jewels of the Masonic Order, or of any other Order, are never combined with those of the Shrine.

Noble John W. Boyle, from the Committee on Ritual, offered the following :

"*Resolved*, That it is deemed unwise to adopt the ritual presented to this Council at the last annual session of the Imperial Council, and the same is hereby rejected."

On the adoption of the foregoing, a resolution was also adopted empowering the Imperial Council to appoint a Committee on Ritual to meet in Cincinnati and to investigate and report the matter in detail at the next annual session — the result of their deliberation — of which committee the Imperial Potentate was made *ex-officio* Chairman. This committee consisted of a member from each State represented in the Imperial Council.

An appropriation of $2,500 from the Imperial treasury was voted to procure a fitting testimonial to Illustrious Sam Briggs, the retiring Imperial Potentate.

FIRST ELABORATE NIGHT PARADE

The Nobles of Syrian Temple of Cincinnati, had made long and active preparations for the nineteenth annual session of the Imperial Council, which convened in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Cincinnati, — Nahar el Etnin, the 28th and 29th days of the eleventh Arabic month, Dhu 'l Kaada, 1310 A. H., corresponding to Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th and 14th of June, 1893 A. D.

The city of Cincinnati was brilliantly decorated and illuminated for the occasion, especially along the route of the parade, which was given at night for the first time in the history of the organization. Four thousand Nobles were in line.

The entertainment offered by the Nobles of Syrian Temple was disposed with lavish hospitality, for which the citizens of Cincinnati have always been noted; and, being the home of the Imperial Potentate, no pains were spared to make the occasion a most memorable one.

Only one of the Imperial officers was absent from his station when the Imperial Council convened.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S ADDRESS

In his annual address Imperial Potentate Melish said :

"We celebrate to-day the greatest cycle of our history. In the growth of the Order the number of its initiates has been magnificent. The summary of the returns of the temples under date of December 31, 1891, showed a membership of 21,127, and during the year 1892, 6,570 have been added. These figures are brought down to the first of the present year, as our returns are all figured up to January 1 of each year.

"Since January 1 we have had occasion to add to this number about two thousand, making a total membership to date of nearly, if not quite, thirty thousand. The increase in our membership is largely in excess of that of any year in our history. But our income is larger, and the future seems to hold out even brighter prospects. It is a magnificent and marvelous record, excelling that of any other secret organization of equal age and character of membership in the world."

Dispensation was granted for the formation of India Temple, at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Requests were made for the establishment of temples at Marquette, Mich.; Columbus, Ohio; Wichita, Kan.; and Charleston, W. Va.; but the necessary consent from temples already having jurisdiction had not been obtained.

VISITS BY IMPERIAL POTENTATE

Official visitations by Imperial Potentate Melish were made to Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y., on the occasion of its meeting at Binghamton, N. Y.; Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y.; Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.; Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa.; Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.; Mecca Temple, New York City; Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y.; Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.; and Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa.

SUSPENSION OF IMPERIAL RECORDER

The Illustrious Potentate also incorporated in his address these remarks :

"On or about February 7, 1893, it became necessary to appoint some one to act as Imperial Recorder for the balance of the Shrine year, or until the next session of the Imperial Council. I accordingly appointed Illustrious Noble William H. Mayo, of Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo. The Illustrious Noble entered upon the duties of his office, while deprecating the necessity of his appointment, yet realized the necessity of accepting the responsibility and conducting the affairs of the office in the interests of the Order. To those who have known Noble Mayo for years as a member of this Imperial Council, and have recognized his signal ability — as Grand Secretary for many years of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council of Missouri — I need not speak in detail of the painstaking attention to his new duties since the day of his appointment. He will present his report as Acting Imperial Recorder, and I am certain that it will meet with your approval. In requesting Noble Mayo to assume the duties of Imperial Recorder, I agreed that his salary should be at the rate of $1,000 per annum, about which I ask the approval of the Imperial Council.

"The announcement of an 'Acting Imperial Recorder' brings me to the only matter that has detracted from the otherwise unalloyed pleasure of my official relations with the Nobility of the Shrine as their Imperial Potentate.

"On February 4, 1893, Noble Frank M. Luce, over his signature, and in his capacity of Imperial Recorder, published, —

"('To the Order and to the Nobles of Mystic Shrine and to the public generally', and mailed to a large number of people the following circular *(the italics are ours)*:

> IMPORTANT! READ CAREFULLY!
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> Our Imperial Potentate — William B. Melish — has issued a List of Temples and Officers under date of February 21, 1893, *without my consent*, and has attached a memorandum thereto, stating that the list issued by the Imperial Recorder, under date of January 23, is not correct.
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> *No list has been issued by me.*
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> I sent our Imperial Potentate a proof which was to be corrected and returned to me, but he has never done so. I am extremely sorry that our Imperial Potentate has cast this slur upon me, and I do not believe that the potentates, recorders, and representatives of the temples will uphold him in such a *contemptible, mean trick*. The list issued by him is not correct, in many particulars; I will issue a list this day which I know to be correct. Potentates, recorders, and representatives are respectfully requested to use the list issued under my office under date of February 4th, which is correct.
>
> Yours in the Faith,
>
> FRANK M. LUCE,
>
> *Imperial Recorder.*

"No copy of the above order was sent to the Imperial Recorder, nor to either of the representatives of the Temple at Cincinnati, nor to either of its officers," said the Imperial Potentate. "Upon receipt of a copy of the circular by the hand of a member of the Imperial Council, and considering the issuing of said circular and the improper language and tone of it to be the culmination of a number of like acts of insubordination by the Imperial Recorder, I suspended Frank M. Luce from the Office of Imperial Recorder by the following official edict :

FRANK M. LUCE, Esq., *Imperial Recorder of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, Chicago, Illinois.*

IMPERIAL and ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE: — You are hereby, by virtue of this my official edict, suspended from the office of Imperial Recorder of the Imperial Council for North America, for violation of the law, neglect of the duties of your office, and disobedience of orders issued by me as Imperial Potentate.

This suspension will remain in force until the next session of the Imperial Council unless sooner revoked. I will give directions for the disposition of the Imperial property, now in your charge, in a few days.

Done under my hand and seal, this seventh day of February, 1893, in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

W. B. MELISH,
(Seal) *Imperial Potentate.*

"On the same day that I notified Noble Luce of his suspension I telegraphed to each Potentate in our jurisdiction, notifying each of them of my official act, and requesting them to await my official edict.

"On February 7, 1893, I issued my official proclamation as follows :

IMPERIAL EDICT NO. 1

Office of the Imperial Potentate,
CINCINNATI OHIO, February, 7, 1893.

To the Officers of and Representatives to the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., for North America, and to all Potentates and Nobles of all the Temples of the Order.

GREETING: *Whereas,* The Imperial Recorder, Noble Frank M. Luce has repeatedly violated the laws of the Imperial Council, and has flagrantly disobeyed the orders of the Imperial Potentate; and

Whereas, The said Imperial Recorder has issued a circular headed: 'Important ! Read Carefully !' said circular containing false and malicious statements, and which is in itself an act of grave insubordination and disrespect to the Imperial Council and Imperial Potentate; and

Whereas, The issuing of circulars, or letters, to members of the Order by the Imperial Recorder, acting as such, without the permission of the Imperial Potentate, is beyond the powers, rights, and prerogatives of his office, as in direct violation of an order given him to that effect;

Therefore, By virtue of the power vested in me, as Imperial Potentate for North America, I do hereby suspend the said Imperial Recorder, Noble Frank M. Luce, from office until the next session of the Imperial Council.

Illustrious Noble William H. Mayo, Masons' Hall, St. Louis, Mo., is hereby appointed to act as Imperial Recorder until the next session of the Imperial Council.

Done on the day and at the place first written above,

WILLIAM B. MELISH,
(Seal) *Imperial Potentate.*

REASONS FOR SUSPENSION

"Frank M. Luce was suspended from office for three (3) reasons :

"1. Neglect of the duties of his office as Imperial Recorder.

"2. Violation of the law of the Imperial Council.

"3. Disobedience of orders issued by me as Imperial Potentate.

"It is therefore necessary that I report to the Imperial Council the specifications of the three charges in detail. I have avoided newspaper discussions of this unfortunate affair, and have made no answer to the grossly improper circular letter and pamphlet issued by Noble Frank M. Luce since his suspension from office, for the reason that the Imperial Council itself is the only tribunal under our law which can pass upon the matters of law and usage, and any attempts to influence its judgment by an unauthorized publication of its affairs are highly pernicious and calculated to foment discord and dissension among the Nobility of our Order. I will present the facts as briefly as possible, referring to original papers only, and to such papers as have been reported to me over the signature of Noble Luce himself. I will 'nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice.'"

The Imperial Potentate here quoted several letters written to Noble Luce. In one of these, insisting upon economy, he suggests that bids be secured and competition obtained, especially in the matter of the printing of the annual proceedings. The Imperial Potentate claimed that in the face of a bid of $180 for this work, the Imperial Recorder presented a bill for $282, and averred that no competition was had in the printing of the diplomas. The Imperial Recorder wrote in answer to one of the Imperial Potentate's letters thus: "Don't try to run me ; I am not built that way !"

Considerable salty correspondence was exchanged between the two officials, in one of which letters Noble Luce said :

"I will get the printing of this office done wherever I please, and it is none of your business what printers I patronize; and on the other hand, you can get your printing done in Japan, if you so desire. I don't care."

Noble Luce also added :

"I expected that this year would be smooth and pleasant; that you and I could get along well together; but if you keep up the same racket that you have commenced, I am afraid that you have run up against a snag."

The Illustrious Imperial Potentate took this language to be entirely without excuse and not to be tolerated.

The Imperial Potentate also alleged that the Imperial Recorder had made no records of the Imperial Council, and that the Body had no book, or record, of minutes. The printed proceedings, he said, were the only records, and if errors appeared in them, there were no original records to refer to.

Over a considerable space the Imperial Potentate recounted his controversy with the Imperial Recorder. Noble Melish charged that the Imperial Recorder collected $1,302 during the thirty days immediately prior to the last session of the Imperial Council in Omaha, not one cent of which was paid over to the Imperial Treasurer.

In presenting his annual report, Illustrious Noble Luce said that he desired to answer the Imperial Potentate's charges through a committee. His report showed sixty-one chartered temples and four temples under dispensation, with a total membership of 27,161. During the calendar year the increase in the membership had been 6,034.

The acting Imperial Recorder, Noble Mayo, reported that he had been unable to hear directly from Noble Luce in answer to his request for the books and papers to compile the reports of the Imperial Council, and that he had made contracts direct with St. Louis houses for certain printing, as the lithograph stones could not be obtained, Recorder Luce claiming them as his property, according to a letter reported to have been received from the lithographing house in whose custody they were.

REINSTATEMENT OF IMPERIAL RECORDER LUCE

The whole matter of the suspension of the Imperial Recorder was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, which reported that after duly considering the facts in the case they believed the Imperial Potentate fully justified by law and precedent in the course adopted by him. The committee was of the unanimous opinion that during the interim of the sessions of the Imperial Council the Imperial Potentate is by the Constitution endowed with the same powers as the Imperial Council itself.

Noble J. L. Dobbin, a member of the committee, moved the adoption of the report as read, approving the action of the Imperial Potentate and suspending the Imperial Recorder.

Noble John C. Smith, of Medinah Temple, moved as an amendment that the action of the Imperial Potentate be disapproved.

Noble Sloan moved as a further amendment that the report of the committee be adopted as read. This motion was put to the Imperial Council and was lost by a vote of 47 ayes to 75 nays.

The Imperial Potentate declared the motion to adopt the report of the committee lost, which had the effect of reinstating Imperial Recorder Luce and disapproving the action of the Imperial Potentate in suspending him from office.

INGOLD CASE REPORTED

Under the heading of "Grievances and Appeals" the Imperial Potentate reported that Eugene Ingold, a former Noble of Kismet Temple, at Brooklyn, appealed from the action of the Kismet Temple in expelling him from the Order. He was initiated on April 27, 1888, and July 13 of the same year he was expelled. He claims that his expulsion was made without notice, or opportunity to be heard. Kismet Temple informed Mr. Ingold of his expulsion by letter, stating that he was expelled by order of Illustrious Potentate Sam Briggs, for the reason that he had been thrice rejected from Syria Temple in Pittsburg within the past two years, and had failed to make the fact known upon applying to Kismet Temple. Since 1892 Mr. Ingold claimed that he had tried several times to have the papers reviewed and the case reopened. As the decision made and the order issued which was claimed to be the act of the Illustrious Sam Briggs during his incumbency as Imperial Potentate, Noble Melish, in his official capacity, declined to review the case, believing that the case should be brought before the Imperial Council, to which Mr. Ingold now appealed.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals in the matter of the appeal of Eugene Ingold against Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn, reported that it appeared that no charges or specifications were ever filed in Kismet Temple against the appellant; that no summons or citation was ever issued or served upon him; that no trial was had, and no defense was presented, and no opportunity to defend himself before the temple was accorded to Ingold. The action of Kismet Temple controverted the letter and spirit of the law, and the committee recommended the adoption of a resolution to "declare null and void the action of Kismet Temple in expelling Eugene Ingold." The report of the committee was finally adopted.

WORTHINGTON APPROPRIATION HELD UP

The appropriation of $500, which was made to be placed at the disposal of Illustrious Deputy John Worthington at the session held in Omaha, was retained in the custody of the Imperial Potentate, who endeavored to find out the necessities of the situation and the probability of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine needing entertainment or assistance during the temporary station at the Island of Malta. He received no reply to a communication sent to the Illustrious Noble Worthington, and for this reason the Imperial Potentate reported that he had no occasion to draw upon the Imperial Council's funds for the purpose of entertaining Nobles on their way to Jerusalem.

When this matter came before the Imperial Council for review a resolution was adopted directing that the incoming Imperial Potentate should forward immediately to Noble Worthington, representative of the Imperial Council in the East, the sum of $500 appropriated at the last session of the Imperial Council and held up for the reason stated in the annual address of the Imperial Potentate.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

One of the amendments to the By-laws adopted at this session of the Imperial Council was one increasing the bond of the Imperial Treasurer from $5000 to $20,000. This action was rendered necessary by the rapid growth of the Order and the consequent increase in the amount of money annually handled by the Imperial Treasurer.

Another amendment to the By-laws, which was offered at the session at Omaha, and held over for one year, under the rules, provided for the annual instead of the triennial election of officers of the Imperial Council.

When this amendment had been adopted by the Imperial Council, the election of officers was entered into with the following result:

Thomas J. Hudson, Imperial Potentate, Pittsburg, Pa.
Charles L. Field, Deputy Imperial Potentate, San Francisco, Cal.
Frank Locke, Imperial Chief Rabban, Boston, Mass.
John T. Brush, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Indianapolis, Ind.
A. B. McGaffey, Imperial High Priest and Prophet. Denver, Col.
Alonzo Brymer, Imperial Oriental Guide, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Joseph S. Wright, Imperial Treasurer, Philadelphia, Pa.
Frank M. Luce, Imperial Recorder, Chicago, Ill.
Louis P. Ecker, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Richmond, Va.
Ethelbert F. Allen, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master.
Thomas J. Bishop, Imperial Marshal, Greenbush Heights, N. Y.
Thad. B. Beecher, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Bridgeport, Conn.
Curtis B. Winsor, Imperial Outer Guard, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

An invitation was extended by El Jebel Temple, of Denver, Col., to hold the next session of the Imperial Council at Denver with El Jebel Temple as host. An invitation was also tendered the Imperial Council by Mecca Temple, of New York, for the holding of the session of 1895 in New York.

Denver was selected as the next place of meeting, while the invitation from Mecca Temple was received with thanks.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that no dispensation be granted for a temple at Topeka, Kan., after hearing the protest of the representatives at Leavenworth. An application to establish a temple at Wichita, Kan., was also denied. There were temples existing at Salina, and at Leavenworth, Kan., and for this reason the committee did not feel justified in granting the dispensations for the establishment of temples in the other cities — even though they were larger.

The committee recommended that dispensation be granted for the establishment of a temple at Columbus, Ohio, provided that Al Koran, Syrian, and the proposed new temple, should agree in writing on jurisdictional lines, and file such agreement with the Imperial Potentate or Imperial Recorder.

The committee recommended granting a charter for the establishment of Mohammed Temple at Peoria, Ill., concurrent jurisdiction in the State of Illinois having been agreed to by Medinah, Salina, and the proposed new temple. This was so ordered.

Dispensation was also granted Rajah Temple at Reading, Pa.

The application for a temple at Charleston, W. Va., was postponed until the next annual session.

Charters were granted to Hamasa Temple, at Meridian, Miss., and to Naja Temple, at Deadwood, S. Dak.

Dispensation was continued in the case of India Temple, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dispensation was authorized at Marquette, Mich.

The following was also adopted, appended to the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

"That no temple shall be established in States where two or more temples now exist until there shall have been an increase to the amount of fifty per cent of the number of persons having the necessary prerequisites to membership in the Order over the number now existing."

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

The twentieth annual session of the Imperial Council convened in El Jebel Temple, Denver, Col., July 24, 1894. Noble W. W. Anderson, Potentate of El Jebel Temple welcomed the visitors to the shades of the Rocky Mountains, and at the request of the Imperial Potentate, Thomas J. Hudson, who was suffering from a throat trouble, the response was made by Noble John H. Atwood of Abdallah Temple, at Leavenworth, Kan. Only three of the Imperial Officers were absent, and very few of the representatives.

The Imperial Potentate reported the granting of dispensations to Ahmed Temple, at Marquette, Mich., and Aladdin Temple, at Columus, Ohio, and recommended the granting of a charter in each case.

The Imperial Potentate also reported the effort of a number of members of El Kalah Temple to petition for a dispensation to organize a temple at Ogden, Utah, which petition was duly signed by forty-eight Nobles residing in Ogden and addressed to the Imperial Council. The Potentate of El Kalah Temple ruled the motion out of order and declined to permit a vote on it. Exceptions were taken to his ruling, and Noble A. C. Emerson and forty-seven other Nobles — residents of Ogden — filed an appeal with the Imperial Potentate.

The Imperial Potentate ruled that the Potentate of El Kalah was in error when he refused to put the motion, and the decision was that the appeal was well taken and must be sustained. However, owing to the close proximity of Ogden to Salt Lake City — only 35 miles — the Imperial Potentate concluded not to grant a dispensation, but referred the whole matter to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

A great deal of correspondence covering disputes was made a part of the annual address of the Imperial Potentate, and the various subjects therein contained were disposed of by reference to the several committees, where a settlement had not already been reached.

INCORPORATION OF IMPERIAL COUNCIL

About this time a spurious order, claiming to be Nobles of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, came into existence, and investigation showed that three of the old rituals of the Order were missing. The Imperial Potentate, referring to the subject in his address, said:

"Doubtless many, if not all of you, are aware of the fact, that there exists in the States of Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, and possibly other Western States, organizations composed of our colored fellow citizens who have borrowed our title almost verbatim, and for this and other various reasons, after conference with a number of officers of the Council, it was deemed advisable to have our body incorporated, not only that we might hold our present style and title exclusively, but that should it become necessary to own property, we would be able to hold same as a body with a legal status. This has been recommended by my predecessors and frequently discussed, but no action has been taken.

"I therefore assumed the responsibility, and authorized John W. Boyle, of Utica, N. Y., to prepare articles of incorporation, and have the same enacted by special act of the Legislature of New York. This has been accomplished by Noble Boyle, and now our charter and incorporation is Chapter 193, Laws of New York, approved by Governor Flower, March 30, 1894. This satisfactory result was obtained at a comparatively small cost. Noble Boyle has been requested to submit to you the act of incorporation, and to prepare the necessary By-laws, which I hope will be adopted by you, and my action in this matter will meet your approbation and approval."

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws in due time reported the passage of the act incorporating the Imperial Council by the New York Legislature. The act reads as follows:

An Act to Incorporate the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America.

The people of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:

Section 1.— That Thomas J. Hudson, Imperial Potentate, Frank M. Luce, Imperial Recorder, Joseph S. Wright, Imperial Treasurer, and Charles W. Cushman, Thomas J. Bishop, John W. Boyle, and Joseph A. Eakins, Imperial Representatives, and their successors in office of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, while holding said office, and until their successors are elected and qualified, shall be, and the same are hereby and forever declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name, style, and description of "The Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America."

Section 2.— Said corporation, by the name and style aforesaid, shall have full power to sue or be sued, plead and implead, prosecute and defend all actions in law or in equity in all places where legal and equitable proceedings are had. The said corporation has power to make such constitution, by-laws, rules, and regulations for its own government and the management of its concerns, and the government of its subordinate temples, as shall be deemed advisable, and to alter and amend the same at pleasure; provided that such by-laws, rules, and regulations shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of the State and of the United States of America.

Section 3.— That said corporation shall have the right to the exclusive use of the name of — "The Imperial Council Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America;" and by said name and style shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, and conveying real and personal estate for the benefit of said corporation: — to create a charity and educational fund, — *provided* that said corporation shall not at any one time hold property real, personal, and mixed; a representative

fund; a library fund, and an Imperial Council fund to an amount exceeding one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000).

SECTION 4.— That the several persons named in Section 1 of this Act shall be the trustees of said corporation for the first year, until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and the first three officers of the Imperial Council, chosen at any election subsequent to the passage of this Act, shall, by virtue of their election and installation of such officers, become trustees of the corporation, and shall continue as such trustees during their entire term of office as Imperial Council officers.

SECTION 5.— In the management of its business concerns said corporation is hereby authorized to appoint such agents, officers, representatives, and attorneys for that purpose as from time to time may be deemed proper.

SECTION 6.— This Act shall be deemed a public Act, and shall be liberally construed by all courts for the benefit of the corporation for which it is created.

SECTION 7.— This Act shall take effect immediately.

ACT OF INCORPORATION NOT ACCEPTED

The question of the adoption of the report of the committee upon the action of the Imperial Potentate in the matter of the incorporation confirming this action created considerable discussion on the part of the representatives when brought before the Imperial Council.

Finally a resolution offered by Noble Andrews was adopted. This was to the effect that the entire subject of incorporation be referred to a special committee of three, to make a report at the next annual session, and that in the meantime, the Imperial Council does not accept the act of incorporation reported by the committee as the charter of the Imperial Council.

RELATION OF SHRINE TO MASONRY

In another portion of his annual address Imperial Potentate Hudson said:

"I desire to express my views concerning what should be the relation between this Imperial Council and the subordinate temples. It must be allowed that this Institution partakes in no way of the character of the Masonic organization. We have no relation or correspondence with that Institution, and could not reasonably ask any recognition at their hands. We simply require that all members of our Order shall possess certain Masonic attainments.

"To seek to govern an institution of this character by rules and laws of an order not possessing any of the characteristics of the Mystic Shrine, such laws being observed because of traditional antiquity and venerated because of their being handed down from an early period — I say, to seek to govern this Order by such arbitrary rules is entirely contrary to reason, and certainly not to be desired. It seems that many of our members are not able to draw the line between the Order of the Shrine and the Masonic Institution. Occasionally we hear some venerable Arabian rise up in his temple and proclaim this or that method of proceeding is not in accordance with the 'Masonic Laws,' and such remark is certainly very strange, if not ridiculous. We are growing into the danger of attempting too much, and are liable of being too much governed."

The total number of Nobles in the Mystic Shrine, December 31, 1893, as shown by the report of the Imperial Recorder, was 31,429, a total increase in the number of Nobles of 5085. Losses by death, dimit, or other causes were 817, leaving a net gain for the year of 4268 Nobles.

The number of temples had grown to 65, with three others under dispensation. Receipts for annual dues, initiation fees, etc., amounted to $15,054.45.

RETIREMENT OF RECORDER LUCE

In concluding his report, the Imperial Recorder, Frank M. Luce, whose suspension by the Imperial Potentate was not sustained by the last Imperial Council session, said that owing to other, and more important duties, he would not, under any consideration, be a candidate for re-election, that he retired from the office with no heart-burnings or ill feeling toward any one, and hoped to be free from cares, and thus better able to labor for the united prosperity and harmony of the Noble Order.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual election of officers was conducted with the following result:

WILLIAM B. MELISH, Imperial Potentate, Cincinnati, Ohio.

WAYLAND TRASK, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Brooklyn, N. Y.

JOHN T. BRUSH, Imperial Chief Rabban, Indianapolis, Ind.

CYRUS W. EATON, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A. B. MCGAFFEY, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Denver, Col.

ETHELBERT F. ALLEN, Imperial Oriental Guide, Kansas City, Mo.

WILLIAM S. BROWN, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

THOMAS J. BISHOP, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Greenbush Heights, N. Y.

THAD. B. BEECHER, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Bridgeport, Conn.

WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT, Imperial Marshal, St. Paul, Minn.

JOHN H. ATWOOD, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Leavenworth, Kan.

HORACE K. BLANCHARD, Imperial Outer Guard, Providence, R. I.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported favorably in regard to the establishment of Tebala Temple at Rockford, Ill., with concurrent jurisdiction by Medinah, Salina, and Salaam Temples; but postponed the establishment of a temple at Wilkesbarre, Pa.; also postponed action on granting dispensation for the establishment of temples at Charlotte, N. C., and Charleston, W. Va. Upon recommendation, charters were granted to India Temple at Oklahoma City, Okla.; to Ahmed Temple at Marquette, Mich.; and to Aladdin Temple at Columbus, Ohio.

CHARTER REFUSED OGDEN NOBLES

In the matter of the application of the Nobles at Ogden, Utah, for a temple to be called "El Sid," the Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported unfavorably. The courtesy of the floor was extended to the Nobles residing at Ogden to present their case, and an earnest appeal was made. However, when the vote was put before the Imperial Council the petition was rejected, giving as a reason the nearness of Ogden to Salt Lake City, where a temple already exists.

QUESTIONS OF JURISDICTION

A number of minor disputes involving the residence of Nobles elected to temples were disposed of by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

In the case of John McCord, it was found that his fees had been accepted by Moslem Temple, at Detroit, Mich., which claimed him as a member, and if he wished to transfer his membership from Moslem to Syrian Temple, at Cincinnati, Ohio, he should apply to Moslem Temple for a dimit. If, after the expiration of sixty days, he failed to do so, Moslem Temple should be directed to cite him (McCord) before it for the purpose of investigating the questionable method taken by him (McCord) to obtain the protection of the Shrine.

In the case of William T. Bennett, of Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y., who resided in the jurisdiction of Syria Temple, at Pittsburg, Pa., the committee found that Bennett did not make the application in good faith. Therefore Kismet Temple was directed to pay Syria Temple the resulting fees therefrom; and Bennett and Noble Blohm, who indorsed his application, were cited to appear before Kismet Temple for a trial in regard to their violation of the laws of the Order.

APPEAL FOR DIPLOMATIC INFLUENCE

An unusual case was also presented by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals in these words:

Your committee is also requested to bring before the Council a matter, which though it does not lie within the province of your committee, is deemed by your committee a proper matter to be presented to the Imperial Council. That matter, briefly stated, is as follows:

"Noble P. F. Nishkian, a member of Ararat Temple, some time since sent a photograph of himself in Shrine costume to his parents residing in Smyrna, Syria. In some way the package became opened by the Turkish authorities, and the photograph was deemed by them (the Turks) sufficient cause to suspect treasonable conspiracy on the part of the sender and the sendees of said package to warrant the arrest of the latter, and, as a result, the father, mother, and brother of Noble Nishkian were arrested and placed in the dungeon keep of some Turkish bastile, where they were confined for some thirty days or more. Their release was finally obtained, but great injury was done to them and to their business. They are still looked upon as suspects, and treated as such by the Turkish government, and by those with whom they wish to transact business.

"Now, since this is a matter resting between the Sultan and his subjects, your committee does not deem it to be such a matter as could with propriety be interfered with by our government, but Noble Nishkian deems his desire reasonable, to wit: that a full statement of the matter be placed in the hands of the American Minister at Constantinople with the request that he, as a Mason (and he is one), and not in his official capacity, bring the matter to the attention of the Sultan — who is also a Mason — and ask that the people of Noble Nishkian be removed from the cloud of suspicion which now rests upon them, and thus confidence be restored and communication without restraint be permitted between him (Nishkian) and his people."

An amendment was offered in answer to the report of the committee, and adopted, that in the case of William P. Bennett the matter be left to the judgment of Kismet Temple; that in the case of Noble John McCord, Moslem Temple be directed to pay all the fees and dues into the Council and to proceed in such a way against Noble McCord as they might deem best; that in the case of Noble Nishkian, the Imperial Potentate be directed to confer with the American Minister at Constantinople, as recommended by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

NEW RITUAL ADOPTED

A new ritual was reported by Noble George H. Walker, Secretary of the committee, and read to the members of the Imperial Council in executive session. At the conclusion of the reading, the report of the committee was accepted, and the new ritual was adopted as the only lawful ritual of the Order. It was also directed that the new ritual be promulgated as early as possible; that it be printed, and the entire edition be turned over to the Imperial Recorder for distribution under such rules and regulations as might be promulgated by the Imperial Potentate.

EL RIAD TEMPLE ESCAPES CENSURE

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws recommended the restoration of the charter to El Riad Temple, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Potentate Eugene S. Elliott, of Tripoli Temple, had preferred charges against El Riad Temple for initiating two Knights Templar, residents of Wisconsin. El Riad Temple had asked for a waiver of jurisdiction, but Tripoli Temple had refused, as Tripoli Temple required its members to belong to both the Knights Templar and the Consistory.

El Kahir Temple, of Cedar Rapids, also objected to the conferment of the Order on one of the petitions, as he resided within the jurisdiction of El Kahir Temple. The committee took the view that the officers of El Riad Temple had taken the law into their own hands, and thus had committed a positive and wilful violation of the laws pertaining to judicial boundaries.

The committee recommended that in restoring the charter of El Riad Temple the Potentate be publicly censured for his action in the matter, as well as the two Nobles who recommended the two petitioners for membership without knowing the residence of either.

After some discussion, a motion was made and adopted to restore the charter of El Riad Temple, but without censuring the Potentate or Nobles of the temple. The facts in the case were explained on the floor by Noble Park Davis before this action was taken.

Before the Imperial Council adjourned the sum of $500 was ordered paid to the Imperial Treasurer, Noble Joseph S. Wright, for his services as such during the past five years.

On motion of Noble James McGee, it was also resolved that a Past Potentate's jewel — of a design which had been created at the last annual session — be purchased for the retiring Imperial Potentate.

The sum of $250 was set aside also for the purchase of a jewel for the Imperial Recorder, Frank M. Luce.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

The special committee, which was appointed at the Denver session of the Imperial Council to select the place for the next session of the Council, was at first inclined to favor Saratoga Springs, but finally determined that the twenty-first annual session should be held at the Rockwell House, Nantasket Beach, Mass., on Monday, September 2, 1895, with Aleppo Temple, of Boston, as the host of the occasion.

The several important committees assembled one day in advance of the Imperial Council and got their work well under way. This work included several proposed amendments to the constitution, which had been presented at the last session of the Imperial Council.

The Imperial Council was called to order by Imperial Potentate William B. Melish, and after an Invocation to Allah by the Rev. R. R. Swope, Potentate Caleb Saunders of Aleppo Temple welcomed the Imperial Council to the oasis of Aleppo Temple.

Noble Melish replied on behalf of the Imperial Council; he also accepted on behalf of the Imperial Council the invitation of Noble Saunders to attend a banquet on the evening of September 3 at the Rockland House.

Imperial Potentate Melish directed the members of the Imperial Council to rise as a token of fraternal respect to the memory of the Imperial Assistant Rabban, Cyrus W. Eaton, who entered the Unseen Temple May 12 1895. Noble Melish remarked that this station, with that of the Deputy Imperial Potentate, Wayland Trask, who was detained, were the only vacancies in the Imperial Divan.

IMPERIAL POTENTATES ADDRESS

The annual address of the Imperial Potentate reviewed the events which had transpired since the session at Denver, the fiscal year having been changed so that it might end near to the usual time of meeting. The financial reports this year covered a cycle of fifteen months,— from January 1, 1894, to April 30, 1895.

The recommendation of the Imperial Council regarding Moslem Temple in the matter of Noble John P. McCord had been complied with; also the recommendations in the matter of Kismet Temple, which had censured Noble Blohm, who had recommended Noble William T. Bennett for membership when the said William T. Bennett resided in the Territory of Syria Temple. It was ascertained upon investigation that Bennett was no longer a resident of the Territory of Syria Temple and was proclaimed as in good standing in Kismet Temple. This reversed the finding of the committee at the last session of the Imperial Council.

The request of Noble Nishkian of Ararat Temple at Kansas City, Mo., invoking aid for what he claimed were indignities and oppressions upon his family in Armenia, was dropped after consultation with the State Department, and after the delicacy of the situation had been laid before Noble Nishkian.

The Imperial Potentate reported the institution under charter of India Temple, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Also Ahmed Temple, at Marquette, Mich., and Aladdin Temple, at Columbus, Ohio. India Temple was instituted by Imperial Oriental Guide E. F. Allen, December 31, 1894; while Ahmed Temple was instituted by Illustrious Noble John Q. Adams of Marquette, Mich.; and Aladdin Temple was instituted by the Imperial Potentate on October 29, 1894, which marked the gathering of a large number of visiting Shriners from various oases. The ceremonies began at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and the official divan, having been installed, conferred the Order of Nobility upon a class of thirty-eight candidates.

The Temple and its guests then marched to City Hall, which had been elaborately decorated, and here the ladies of the Nobles awaited them and a banquet was served, about four hundred Nobles and ladies being seated. This was followed by dancing.

Aladdin started off with a membership of 285 at the time of its institution, and had jurisdiction over twenty-four counties.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Dispensation was granted to James M. Rumsey, Jr., and others, for the formation of Korein Temple, at Rawlins, Wyo.

Dispensation was also granted to Illustrious Noble G. R. Atkinson, and others, for the establishment of a temple at Rockford, Ill.

Dispensation was granted to Noble W. T. Siddell, and others, for the formation of Oasis Temple at Charlotte, N. C., in September, 1894. This temple began work January 18, 1895.

DESIRE FOR A TEMPLE IN MEXICO

For two years or more it had been reported annually, either to the Imperial Potentate or to the Imperial Council, that a temple of the Order, if located in the city of Mexico, could not fail to be a great success, as there was a widespread desire on the part of eligible Masons in the Republic of Mexico to obtain a dispensation for that purpose.

Imperial Potentate Melish, having some knowledge of the conditions existing in some of the so-called higher bodies of Mexican Masonry, doubted the advisability of making Shriners in Mexico or of locating a temple there. Having an opportunity of making a thorough canvass of the matter, the Imperial Potentate delegated to Illustrious O. P. McCarty, of Syrian Temple at Cincinnati, Ohio, to visit the city of Mexico for an investigation of the facts of the case and report thereon at the next session. The report was that the time had not yet arrived when it was desirable to take steps to establish the Order in Mexico. Noble McCarty reported from his headquarters in New Orleans, where he was then stationed: "There is but one Knights Templar Commandery in Mexico, and that one, having a very small membership, is located in the city of Mexico, holding stated meetings about once in every six months, there being very little interest in York Rite Masonry taken in the Republic of Mexico. Then, again, there are comparatively few thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Masons in Mexico, because under the Masonic laws governing the Scottish Rite in that Republic, it requires one year to pass from the third degree — Master Masons — to the eighteenth degree — Rose Croix; one year additional to pass from the eighteenth degree to the thirtieth degree; one year to pass from the thirtieth degree to the thirty-first degree; two years from the thirty-first to the thirty-second degree, and three years from the thirty-second degree to the thirty-third degree, or to such as may be called upon to receive this latter degree."

Noble C. H. MyAgramonte, 33°, a member of Mecca Temple residing in the city of Mexico, informed Noble McCarty that he had been endeavoring to get up a class in the city of Mexico for several years, and was of the opinion that it could be made successful by instituting a temple with strictly American candidates. He believed, however, that the Imperial Council would have to grant a special dispensation in favor of the Republic of Mexico and admit Rose Croix eighteenth degree Scottish Rite Masons to membership in the Shrine so as to obtain a large enough field from which to secure candidates.

DISPENSATION ASKED FOR ENGLAND

The Imperial Potentate also reported that within the last two months he had received a communication from Illustrious Noble H. A. Collins, Potentate of Rameses Temple, of Toronto, Canada, asking for a dispensation to establish the Order in England, where he was about to make a visit. This it was impossible to grant under the Constitution, but Imperial Potentate Melish requested Noble Collins to investigate the situation in London, and other cities in England, and report to the Imperial Council as to the advisability of making an effort to introduce the Order of the Shrine into England, or other parts of the United Kingdom.

Among the noted dead of the year, in addition to Noble Cyrus W. Eaton, of El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were Imperial Assistant Rabban Noble Dwight Byington of Abdallah Temple, Leavenworth, Kan., and Noble John S. Rogers, Chief Rabban of Palestine Temple, Providence, R. I.

NOTABLE CHARITIES REPORTED

Among the charities reported during the year were these :

Acca Temple, distribution to the worthy poor of Richmond, Va.; Abdallah Temple, donations to the Kansas Masonic Home; Aladdin Temple, aid extended the Women's Industrial and Educational Home for Children and Women compelled to work during the day; Ararat Temple, generous contributions to the City Charity Fund of Kansas City and the Masonic Home of Missouri; Algeria Temple, Helena, Mont., contributions to the suffering and sufferers from explosion at Butte; Al Chymia Temple, Christmas baskets distributed among the poor of Memphis; Al Kader Temple, funds for the relief of the visiting and stranded Nobles, and for the permanent relief of seventeen poor families in Portland, Ore.; Boumi Temple, five hundred baskets of provisions to worthy poor families in Baltimore as a Christmas offering, relieving the immediate necessities of over two thousand people; Damascus Temple, nine hundred and eighty-five Christmas dinners to the poor of Rochester, N. Y., and two hundred and fifty dolls and other gifts to little children, and seventy-five pairs of shoes to the needy; El Katif Temple, contributions to the Masonic poor of Spokane, Wash., as a result of a Charity Ball; Kosair Temple, Louisville, Ky., one hundred tons of coal distributed among the poor families during a spell of severe weather; Moslem Temple, distributions on New Year's Day of provisions for nine hundred and fifty-eight worthy families in Detroit; Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, provided a lunch each day during the winter to about seventy children, and a great many other contributions were made, particularly around Christmas time, either in charity or provisions given to the poor, dinners served, or financial aid extended to other organizations engaged in same mission.

REMARKABLE GROWTH OF THE ORDER

The prosperity of the Order continued unabated. The membership, January 1, 1895, was officially reported as 37,348, being a net gain of 5,907. The membership — January 1, 1892 — was 21,127. In the three years the Shrine almost doubled itself in membership.

The assets of the seventy-one temples located in forty-three States, Territories, and countries were placed at $348,928.85, with total liabilities of $44,987.50, and with net assets of $303,941.35.

OFFENDERS AGAINST SHRINE DIGNITY

About this time the hostility of a number of leading Masons towards the Shrine reached its highest degree of intensity, and the situation was aggravated by the issuance of improper and sometimes vulgar notices, one offense being such a couplet as,

"The Arab believes in Mohammed's Creed,
  While the Cross is the Christian's hope;
The Shriner believes in both of these
  When he pins his faith to the rope."

Such notices, tending to make light of the Order, only added fuel to the flames of indignation. The Council of Deliberation of the Scottish Rite, in June, 1895, took official notice of the latitude employed in disseminating public notices of Shrine meetings and deplored the fact because those outside of Masonry looked upon the Mystic Shrine as a Masonic rite, and the Masonic papers gave that charge some color by publishing in their journals "Shrine news."

The Council of Deliberation officially deplored such notices issued by temples to its members, and the resolution was sent to Imperial Potentate Melish.

SCARED BY IMPERIAL POTENTATE

One of the worst offenders seems to have been Al Koran Temple, of Cleveland, Ohio. The situation was such that the Imperial Potentate was moved to remark in his address :

"I am impressed by the necessity of saying a few words of warning in reference to the future welfare of our Noble Order. During the past year the Shrine has been subjected to more or less criticism from the outside. Masonic magazines and papers have contained articles attacking and defending the Shrine. One presiding officer of a grand Masonic body thought it within the line of his duty to comment unfavorably and at length upon the Shrine in his annual address.

"Of course, these are small matters if our Order is living up to its avowed principles. Wholesome criticism, even unkind or unjust comment, can do no harm if the Temples of the Order are properly conducted and kept well within their proper sphere. If the conduct of Shriners is such as to make them unfit tenants for a Masonic Temple, or a Templar Asylum, then let the Shrine be expelled from such quarters. But it is held that the Shriners control matters in such instances, and that to oppose them means discord in the Masonic bodies. The government of the matter should be in the hands of the Imperial Council, and it is the duty of this body to uphold the dignity of the Order. No man has a right to commit acts in his capacity as a Shriner which would reflect upon his character, or subject him to discipline as a Knight Templar, or a thirty-second degree Mason. That the Shrines in a few localities are a disgrace to the Order, is undoubtedly true; but I believe it is confined to less than ten per cent of the temples. When examples of riotous drunkenness given by officials of higher rank have gone unrebuked by the Imperial Council, it is small wonder that some temples have permitted excesses of this nature. Turning a Shrine meeting into a drunken debauch seems to be the only idea of a few Potentates and a few temples.

"Some of the notices issued make the drinking feature more prominent than the work. Newspaper accounts have reached me which indicate that the impression made upon the public is that a Shrine meeting, in that locality at least, means an hilarious drunk! This body should take cognizance of the evils which exist among a few subordinate temples which permit drunkenness to occur at their ceremonial sessions, or during their excursions or caravans.

"The Imperial Potentate should be instructed and urged to suspend a Potentate, or to discontinue the charter of any temple permitting acts which are, in his opinion, an injury to the name and fair fame of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

FOUR MORE TEMPLES CHARTERED

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported in favor of granting charters to the following named temples :

Tebala Temple, Rockford, Ill.; Korein Temple, Rawlins, Wyo.; Oasis Temple, Charlotte, N. C.; Irem Temple, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; but reported unfavorably with reference to a petition for the establishment of a temple at Seattle, Wash.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

A dispute arose between Kaaba and El Kahir Temples in regard to jurisdiction in the State of Iowa. The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws reported that both these temples were in the eastern part of the State of Iowa — Kaaba at Davenport and El Kahir at Cedar Rapids — and recommended that concurrent jurisdiction be granted. When this motion was reported for adoption, Noble Ryan moved that the matter be laid on the table for a year, but his motion was defeated, and the recommendation of the committee as to concurrent jurisdiction was indorsed by the Imperial Council.

MORE POWER GIVEN IMPERIAL POTENTATE

Various amendments to the Constitution were then acted upon as reported. One of these amendments, which was adopted, gave the Imperial Potentate power to censure or to suspend temples; to discipline or suspend officers or members of subordinate temples for violation or disobedience, said suspension to be in force until the next session of the Imperial Council.

This amendment was adopted for the purpose of defining the powers of the Imperial Potentate, which had been brought into question previously in regard to the suspension of Recorder Frank M. Luce by Imperial Potentate Melish, the Imperial Council holding that he had no authority for this action.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

An amendment was adopted requiring a two-thirds vote of the members present to suspend a Noble from office for conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, and such suspension might be for a definite or indefinite period; but a vote of three-fourths of the members present is required to expel him. A member so suspended or expelled can be reinstated only by petition to the temple, which shall require the consent of two-thirds of the members present to reinstate a suspended member, and three-fourths of the members present to reinstate an expelled member.

A petition was received from Noble Robert G. Cochran, of Phœnix, Arizona, and others, asking for a dispensation for the establishment of El Zaribah Temple of Phœnix. This was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which, after taking into consideration the number of Masons in Arizona who were eligible to the Order, deemed it unadvisable to recommend the granting of a dispensation for a temple at Arizona at this time.

The following Imperial Divan was chosen at the evening session:

Charles L. Field, Imperial Potentate, San Francisco, Cal.

John T. Brush, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Indianapolis, Ind.

Harrison Dingman, Imperial Chief Rabban, Washington, D. C.

Edward R. Harris, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Detroit, Mich.

A. B. McGaffey, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Denver, Col.

Ethelbert F. Allen, Imperial Oriental Guide, Kansas City, Mo.

William S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

William H. S. Wright, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, St. Paul, Minn.

Thomas J. Bishop, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Greenbush Heights, N. Y.

Robert M. Johnson, Imperial Marshal, Chicago, Ill.

John H. Atwood, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Leavenworth, Kan.

Horace K. Blanchard, Imperial Outer Guard, Providence, R. I.

INCORPORATION DECLARED UNAUTHORIZED

At the last annual session of the Imperial Council the question of incorporation was referred to a special committee by resolution of the Imperial Council, which did not accept the Act of Incorporation reported by the Committee as the Charter of the Imperial Council. This special committee, composed of J. H. Bromwell, George D. Peabody, and A. M. Sloan, reported at length and in substance, that in their opinion the incorporation of the Imperial Council was not necessary or desirable. The report dealt with the entire history of the incorporation, beginning with the recommendations of the Imperial Potentate, Sam Briggs, in the year 1891. The committee held, that by accepting this charter the Imperial Council would abdicate all of its rights in favor of a board of trustees, consisting of the three officers named in the charter and the representatives of four New York temples named in the charter, and their successors.

The committee held that the provision of the charter, which practically wiped out all legislative powers of the Imperial Council itself, and gave to the trustees the right to name their successors, was directly in conflict with the Constitution.

The committee was therefore of the opinion that the action of the Imperial Potentate, and the other officers and Nobles mentioned in the charter, was unauthorized, and was never ratified by the Imperial Council, which was in no wise bound by its provisions, and may reject or refuse to accept the same if it so desire.

The grounds upon which incorporation was urged were these: that the Imperial Council might hold its present style and title so that it would have a legal status in the event that it desired to hold property for the better protection of the enforcement of the funds of the Order. The committee believed that in the matter of the exclusive right to title no such exclusive right is conferred by the charter given in one State as will prevent charters being granted to other persons in other States under the same corporate name. As to the convenience of incorporation in the matter of holding property, the committee was of the opinion that property-holding was not one of the offices of the organization. As to the protection of the investment funds of the Order, the committee held that for many years national organizations similar to this, unincorporated, have been in existence, and yet there is no record, so far as this committee has been able to investigate the matter, of an individual member being held primarily responsible alone for the liabilities of the association. If, on the other hand, the officer while acting apparently within his authority actually exceeds it, he is liable on his bond to the Imperial Council and its members.

Among other objections to incorporation urged by the committee was the liability of double taxation of funds of the Imperial Council. The charter was declared to be incongruous and uncertain in some of its provisions, which make it difficult to ascertain its meaning.

The report of the committee was sustained by vote of the Imperial Council, and the recommendation for the rejection of the charter was carried out. Therefore the Imperial Council stands as an unincorporated body to-day, although its charter granted by the State of New York is still in existence.

BAR ON IMPROPER NOTICES

The committee to which was referred that part of the address of the Imperial Potentate relating to improper notices of Shrine ceremonials brought in a report prohibiting all publications which may reflect upon religion or are a breach of good morals, or which may tend to bring the Order into disrepute, and providing that the Imperial Potentate shall have power to suspend any Potentate or other officers of subordinate temples who shall issue, or permit to be issued, any such offensive and objectionable notices or publications, and summon him to appear before the next annual session of the Imperial Council. The Imperial Potentate was given the right to determine whether or not a notice or publication came within the purview of this resolution.

The report of the committee was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Before concluding its sessions, the Imperial Council turned itself over to the hospitality of the Nobles of Aleppo Temple.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

The Imperial Council voted to hold its next annual session at Cleveland, Ohio, although it regretted that it was not thought to be wise at that time to accept the invitation from Islam Temple at San Francisco, as the Imperial treasury was still in such a condition that it could not meet the expenses of the representatives on so long a journey.

The Imperial Potentate, Charles L. Field, called the twenty-second annual session to order at Cleveland, June 23, 1896. To the call of the roll of temples, all save five temples reported delegates present.

Mayor Robert E. McKisson, of Cleveland, and a Noble of Al Koran Temple, delivered a felicitous address of welcome, to which a happy response was made by Noble John H. Atwood.

The Imperial Potentate during the year had granted dispensations to El Zaribah Temple, Phœnix, Ariz., February 10, 1896, and Sphinx Temple, Hartford, Conn., April 27, 1896. He also had in his hands the application of El Korah Temple, at Boise City, Idaho, but the temple has not yet been instituted. He referred a request from Rameses Temple to the Imperial Council, together with arguments from Edward F. Stahle, in favor of a temple being established at Cheyenne, Wyo.

The Imperial Potentate was a member of the committee which reported adversely in the matter of a temple at Phœnix, Ariz., but found upon his return from the East that the statistics of eligible persons upon which he had based his unfavorable report were erroneous; in fact, the conditions justified him in granting the dispensation. The temple in question had, at the time of writing his report, forty-five members, and he recommended the granting the charter at this session of the Imperial Council.

The Imperial Potentate, living on the Pacific Coast, was able to make official visitations only to Al Malaikah and Al Kader, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Portland, Ore., respectively. Other official visitations were made by his various deputies, whose reports he incorporated in his annual address.

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA

One of the noted visitations was that of Imperial Chief Rabban Harrison Dingman, to Mecca Temple, April 29, 1896. Upon this occasion thirty-four poor wandering sons of the desert made the journey and were received into the mysteries of the Order. At this time, also, there was held the reception accorded to forty-four visiting Nobles who were making their first pilgrimage to Mecca Temple, and were decorated, in accordance with the custom with the Haji badge. The following fourteen temples were represented upon this occasion: Acca, Aleppo, Almas, Cyprus, Hella, Jerusalem, Kismet, Lu Lu, Mount Sinai, Medinah, Oriental, Palestine, Pyramid, and Tripoli.

The custom of presenting a badge is a part of the history of Mecca Temple, which certainly makes each recipient feel a particular interest in it and creates a strong desire at the same time again to present himself at the temple, in anticipation, wearing his badge in evidence that he has fulfilled his vow and made a pilgrimage once in his lifetime.

CHARITY OF MECCA TEMPLE

On the subject of charities, while different temples have adopted means to this end, which he highly commended, the Imperial Potentate said:

"I desire to speak of the methods adopted by Mecca Temple, which I would like to see adopted by every other Temple in the Order. The greatest assistance you can render, and the greatest charity you can bestow on a worthy Noble, is to obtain for him employment by which he can earn that which will support and educate those who are dependent upon him. He will accept such a tender with heartfelt gratitude, while perhaps his innate pride might prompt him to decline the offer of coin, even though he may be on the point of starvation.

"Nobles, you who are the representatives of your respective temples and are regarded as the guiding spirits of its affairs, let me urge upon you the important results that may follow out of this suggestion. Take the matter in hand, and if you can, promptly and with energy, I prophesy that the benefits resulting therefrom will exceed your most sanguine expectations."

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Petitions were received by the Imperial Council from Nobles at Charleston, W. Va., and Savannah, Ga., requesting dispensations for the establishment of temples to be called respectively "Beni Kedem" and "Alee," which were referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. In both instances dispensations were granted.

Dispensation was also granted to El Korah Temple at Boise City, Iowa, and charters were issued to El Zaribah Temple, at Phœnix, Ariz.; and Sphinx Temple, at Hartford, Conn.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was held with the following result:

Harrison Dingman, Imperial Potentate, Washington, D. C.

Albert P. McGaffey, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Denver, Col.

Ethelbert F. Allen, Imperial Chief Rabban, Kansas City, Mo.

John H. Atwood, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Leavenworth, Kan.

ALCHYMIA TEMPLE OASIS OF MEMPHIS TENN.

William H. S. Wright, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, St. Paul, Minn.

Lou B. Winsor, Imperial Oriental Guide, Reed City, Mich.

William S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

Henry C. Aikin, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Omaha, Neb.

Lou Andrews, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Hamilton, Ohio.

Horace K. Blanchard, Imperial Marshal, Providence, R. I.

George H. Green, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Dallas, Texas.

George F. White, Imperial Outer Guard, Davenport, Iowa.

Detroit, Mich., was selected as the next place for the annual session of the Imperial Council.

A special committee was appointed at the previous session to present a testimonial to Past Imperial Potentate William B. Melish, which reported that it had found and procured a Past Imperial Potentate's jewel of the form and material prescribed by the rules of the Council, and that on the 22d of February, 1896, in the presence of some fifteen hundred Nobles of Syrian Temple and their guests who were assembled at Pike's Opera House, Cincinnati, Ohio, the jewel was presented to Noble William Melish by Noble Bromwell, chairman of the special committee.

The special committee also reported on the balance of the appropriation, saying that it had been expended upon an assortment of table-ware, consisting of silver-ware, cut glass, and china, which was presented to Noble Melish and his estimable wife, at their residence at Clifton, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A question arose in regard to Ahmed Temple, at Marquette, Mich., relative to jurisdiction, and it was determined that Ahmed should have exclusive jurisdiction in the Upper Peninsula, and surrender all concurrent jurisdiction in the Lower Peninsula; and that Moslem Temple of Detroit, and Saladin Temple of Grand Rapids, should have concurrent jurisdiction in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

JURISDICTION OF RAMESES TEMPLE

The special committee to which was referred the question of the jurisdiction of Rameses Temple, at London, Ont., which laid claim to the province of Quebec, and even into the colony of Nova Scotia, reported that Rameses had sole jurisdiction only in the province of Ontario. The committee would not, even for a moment, think of the suggestion of Rameses Temple having jurisdiction over all the Dominion of Canada, as, if those qualified were compelled to travel hundreds and thousands of miles from their homes in the various provinces of the Dominion to Toronto when they might more conveniently reach temples in the United States, say, Tacoma, Wash., or to Lewiston, Maine, it would be practically to debar the Masons of nearly all the provinces except Ontario from membership in the Order. The committee was advised by Noble Collins, representative of Rameses Temple, that only one Noble from New Brunswick, one from Prince Edward Island, and none at all from the provinces of the Northwest Territory, British Columbia, Manitoba, or the colonies of Newfoundland or Labrador, are members of Rameses Temple. All portions of the province of Quebec are nearer by lines of travel to Mount Sinai Temple at Montpelier, Vt., than any portion thereof to Toronto.

A request for concurrent jurisdiction over the province of Quebec in favor of Mount Sinai Temple was received, whereupon the committee recommended, which recommendation was accepted and adopted after a full discussion, that Rameses Temple at Toronto has full jurisdiction over the province of Ontario; and that in the provinces of the Northwest Territory, British Columbia, Manitoba, Quebec, the lower colonies of Newfoundland and Labrador, Rameses should have concurrent jurisdiction with the temples of the United States, until such time as other temples may be established by the Imperial Council therein.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

The twenty-third annual session of the Imperial Council was held at Detroit, Mich., on June 8, 1897, and, after being called to order by Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman, and listening to an invocation to Allah by the Rev. W. S. Stearns of St. Stephen's Church, the address of welcome was delivered by W. C. Mayberry, Mayor of Detroit, to which Imperial Potentate Dingman responded.

The Imperial Potentate announced that after the adjournment of the last session of the Imperial Council he had appointed five officers of the Imperial Divan — they having been appointed instead of being elected at the session of the Imperial Council. These appointments are given in the list of officers of the Imperial Council.

OFFICIAL VISITS OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE

Official visitations were made by the Imperial Potentate during the year to Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y.; Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md.; Beni Kedem, Charleston, W. Va.; Alee Temple, Savannah, Ga.; Oasis Temple, Charlotte, N. C.; Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.; Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa.; Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kora Temple, Lewiston, Maine; Mount Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt.; a second visit was made to Ismailia, Buffalo, N. Y.; Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.; Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio; Acca Temple, Richmond, Va.; and Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Some of the visits were noteworthy. The ceremonial session of Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, was held in Music Hall, where the fourteen hundred Nobles present sat on the first floor. Eighty-seven sons of the desert were inducted into the mysteries of the Order by Past Imperial Potentate William B. Melish, who was then serving his fifteenth term as Illustrious Potentate of Syrian Temple. An elaborate banquet followed the ceremonial session.

SHRINE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

The question of the "Shrine in Foreign Countries" was dealt with by Illustrious Noble Dingman in his annual address. On the subject of the Shrine in Mexico, the Imperial Potentate said that he had received a request from Noble E. B. Smith, and others, who were going to visit the city of Mexico in November, 1896, and who asked if it would not be possible for them to be named as officers to open a temple of the Shrine there while on the visit. To this Potentate Dingman replied:

"It is the opinion of the Imperial Council that there has not been sufficient change in the Masonic status of the persons living at Mexico from that existing at the time of the special investigation made by Noble Melish in July, 1895."

The Imperial Potentate further said that he did not possess any legal power to appoint Noble Smith to any authority, and could not grant his request.

Request was made for the organization of a temple at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. The petitioner, a prominent official of the Hawaiian government, asked to be made a Noble at sight for this purpose; to which the Imperial Potentate replied that he was not empowered to create Nobles at sight except on petition for a new temple in unoccupied territory, and then only for the purpose of giving the new temple sufficient numbers to properly effect its organization. The Imperial Potentate added that he had a personal call from the person referred to and had placed him in possession of all the facts and information, and he had predicted that in a very short time formal application for the formation of a temple in the Sandwich Islands would be received.

A REQUEST FROM ENGLAND

The Imperial Potentate, on December 21, 1896, received a communication from Brother Thomas B. Whytehead of York, England, written to Noble Richard Muckle of Lu Lu Temple, asking Noble Muckle if it was not possible to have a temple for the Order of the Mystic Shrine in York. The Imperial Potentate was most favorably impressed with the belief that if it could be properly arranged, it would be of much benefit to the Order to establish a temple of the Shrine in this ancient city, and with that end in view he had opened a correspondence with Noble Muckle, and later went to Philadelphia to consult with him in relation to the matter. The Imperial Potentate had advised with some of the more experienced members of the Imperial Council who had more knowledge of English Masonry than he himself had, and finding that Noble Lou Rake, Potentate of Rajah Temple, contemplated going on a business trip to London and would return prior to this session of the Council, he issued to him, under date of February 10, 1897, a special commission, appointing Noble Rake Special Deputy Imperial Potentate for the purpose of making further inquiry into the requests of certain Masons of York for organizing a temple and empowering him, in the event of his becoming satisfied as to the advisability of establishing such a temple, to do any and all acts toward the organization of the temple under consideration, which the Illustrious Imperial Potentate would have the right to do were he present in person.

Noble Rake later reported that through a combination of unusual circumstances it would not be possible for him to undertake the task for which he had been empowered; and the Imperial Potentate suggested that Noble Rake be recommissioned with a view to completing the matter for the next session of the Imperial Council and making a report thereon at that time.

CHRISTMASTIDE CHARITIES

A number of notable acts of charity by the various temples of the Shrine were reported by the Imperial Potentate, most of which occurred during the Christmas season, as a result of letters sent during November and December to the different Potentates bringing the matter to their attention.

For the eighth time in the history of Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., their Nobility assembled in large force on Christmas Eve, when four thousand eight hundred baskets of provisions, each containing a substantial Christmas dinner, were furnished to a corresponding number of needy poor of the city. In addition to the provisions, there were distributed two hundred pairs of shoes, three hundred caps, also overcoats, stockings, dresses, books, two thousand towels, and five thousand bags of popcorn.

Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md., distributed seven hundred and thirty baskets of provisions on Christmas morning to as many needy families.

One of the many charitable acts of Murat Temple, Indianapolis, Ind., was the payment of rent for fourteen families who were about to be turned out of house and home.

The Nobles of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., through a committee, directed its charity along lines seldom followed. This committee sought for those who were poor and deserving, but who, because of modesty, or perhaps because of pride, endeavored to hide their poverty from the world and who could not be brought to apply for assistance.

Lu Lu Temple, of Philadelphia, Pa., expended on charity alone during the year the sum of $5,089.

Imperial Recorder Rowell reported a total of two hundred members of the Imperial Council. Seventy-four temples were under charter and three under dispensation. The number of Nobles May 1, 1897, was 44,291, showing a net increase of 2,789 members.

The total receipts in dues, fees, etc., as shown by the report of the Imperial Recorder, were $15,179.16. The total amount expended by the Imperial Treasurer, William S. Brown, on warrants, was $15,748.54, and Noble Brown's report also showed a balance on hand, June 1, 1897, of $9,284.49.

The annual election of officers was held with the following result:

Albert P. McGaffey, Imperial Potentate, Denver, Col.

Ethelbert F. Allen, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Kansas City, Mo.

John H. Atwood, Imperial Chief Rabban, Leavenworth, Kan.

Lou B. Winsor, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Reed City, Mich.

Philip C. Shaffer, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Philadelphia, Pa.

Henry C. Aikin, Imperial Oriental Guide, Omaha, Neb.

William S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

Allen Andrews, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Hamilton, Ohio.

George H. Green, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Dallas, Texas.

George L. Brown, Imperial Marshal, Buffalo, N. Y.

Thad. B. Beecher, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Bridgeport, Conn.

Archibald N. Sloan, Imperial Outer Guard, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Charters were granted to Beni Kedem Temple, Charleston, W. Va., and Alee Temple, Savannah, Ga.

Dispensation was granted for the establishment of Melba Temple at Springfield, Mass., with jurisdiction confined to Berkshire, Hampton and Hampshire counties, and Antioch Temple at Dayton, Ohio, with jurisdiction as agreed upon in writing with Syrian, Al Koran, and Aladdin Temples.

The request for dispensation to establish El Korah Temple at Boise City, Idaho, was continued for another year, and a dispensation to organize a temple at Charleston, S. C., was denied.

The agreement reached between the four temples in Ohio was that each should have exclusive jurisdiction in the counties nearest their respective oases, that is, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Dayton, the arrangement being made to avoid unnecessary conflict.

An invitation was extended to the Imperial Council to hold the next annual session at Dallas, Texas, and the Imperial Council, never having before convened in a southern city, accepted the invitation.

Salaam Temple, at Olney, Ill., together with all its members, was suspended until the next session of the Imperial Council, owing to its failure to make annual returns.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

The officers of the Imperial Council, representatives, and Nobles, to the extent of several thousand, journeyed to Dallas, Texas, to attend the twenty-fourth annual session of the Imperial Council. The session convened in the Opera House, on the morning of Tuesday, June 14, 1898, with Hella Temple as host. Reduced railroad rates had been obtained through the efforts of Hella Temple, and the first convention in the South was opened under the most auspicious circumstances.

Noble George H. Green, of Hella Temple, welcomed the Nobility to the oasis of Dallas. At the conclusion of Noble Green's remarks, the Mayor of Dallas, the Hon. John H. Traylor, addressed the assembly of Nobles in behalf of the city of Dallas. Adjutant-General Wozencroft made an address in behalf of the State, the Governor of Texas being absent at the time.

During the year the Black Camel halted at the tent of one of the Imperial representatives, Noble John H. Cavanaugh, of Savannah, Ga.

The official visitations made by the Imperial Potentate were to Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo., and Abdallah Temple, Leavenworth, Kan., while others of the Imperial Divan, acting as the Imperial Potentate's representatives, made various visitations.

Noble McGaffey reported that on the evening of January 27, 1898, he was entertained at a banquet by what is known as the "Tramp Shriners' Club of Cripple Creek," composed of Shriners who have gathered together in the great gold camps of Cripple Creek and Victor, Col., who have formed themselves into a Shriners' Club for mutual pleasure and benefit. They have forty-five members and represent thirty-nine temples.

The Imperial Potentate renewed the commission to Noble Lou Rake, Potentate of Rajah Temple. He was, however, unable to make the visitation to England which he had contemplated. The war with Spain having led to the possession of the Philippine Islands and a large army being encamped at Manila, with a larger army being formed in the oasis of Islam Temple and now encamped at San Francisco preparing to sail for the Island of Luzon, the Imperial Potentate recommended, at the request of many of the members of the Shrine who were in the camp, that the Imperial Council grant a dispensation for an army temple to be instituted in the Philippine Islands, with such officers as the Imperial Council might suggest or appoint.

The statistical report of the Imperial Recorder showed the members of the Imperial Council to be 214. The number of Nobles was 40,416, and the number of temples 79, three of them being under dispensation. Financial receipts for the year were $19,817.95, disbursements were $14,413.48, and the balance on hand to the credit of the Imperial Council $14,798.96, — the largest balance up to that time in the history of the Shrine treasury. Receipts in cash in excess of the previous year amounted to $4,638.79, and the disbursements were $1,335.06, less than the previous year.

The Imperial Potentate was very much elated at the prosperous condition of the Order, as were also the representatives, when his report was read.

Charters were granted to El Korah Temple, Boise City, Idaho, and Melba Temple, Springfield, Mass. Dispensations were granted Antioch Temple, Dayton, Ohio, and Zenobia Temple, Duluth, Minn.

PASSING OF SALAAM TEMPLE

Salaam Temple, at Olney, Ill., asked to be reinstated after explaining failure to meet her dues as not due to negligence, but chargeable to an oversight; it was admitted, however, that there had been considerable negligence on the part of the officers of Salaam Temple. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, after investigating the history and reports of Salaam Temple, saw no good reason why that temple should be restored to activity, and therefore recommended that all the territory formerly occupied by Salaam Temple be made the common property of the State of Illinois, and that the charter of Salaam Temple be revoked, which recommendation of the committee was adopted by the Imperial Council, and Salaam Temple, of Olney, Ill., ceased to exist.

Buffalo, N. Y., was selected as the place for the Imperial Council to hold its next annual session, and the time was set for June 14, 1899.

OFFICIAL PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S JEWEL

The jewel which was presented to Past Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman was adopted as official. It follows very closely the design of those presented to the two preceding retiring Imperial Potentates, and therefore a resolution was adopted to make the jewel uniform. A description of the jewel follows :

Weight, 17 pennyweight; length, 7 inches; material, 14 carat gold and platinum, set with diamonds. The jewel is composed of a bar, the length of which is 2 5-16 inches, made of gold, on which are raised pyramids of platinum. Connected to the bar by ornamental scrolls is a round disc of gold 2 1-4 inches in diameter, representing the seal of the Imperial Council. On the border in raised letters is :

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
IMPERIAL COUNCIL
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

In the center of the seal is a raised pyramid of platinum, and on the pyramid a raised gold sphinx, surrounding which, in raised gold letters, are these words :

North America, June 6, 1876.

Connected with this seal by ornamental scrolls is the Shrine badge, composed of a pair of genuine tiger claws, mounted in crescent form by a band of gold, a border of which is set with diamonds. Upon this band of gold is a sphinx head carved of tigerite. A gold band across the brow and throat, and the usual draperies at the side of the sphinx head, are also set with diamonds. Below the band of the throat is a five-pointed star in which is set a solitaire diamond. Connected with the tiger-claw crescent by a gold scroll is a larger five-pointed star, the surface of which is black enamel, and set on this five-pointed star in a separable screw setting is a solitaire diamond. Attached to the lower part of this star is a gold crescent which is also set with diamonds.

Upon the back of the seal is engraved:

Imperial Council
A. A. O. N. M. S.
of North America.
Harrison Dingman
Imperial Potentate

The design was prepared by a firm of jewelers in Detroit, Mich., at a price of $500.

The Imperial officers were elected as follows:

Ethelbert F. Allen, Imperial Potentate, Kansas City, Mo.

John H. Atwood, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Leavenworth, Kan.

Lou P. Winsor, Imperial Chief Rabban, Reed City, Mich.

Philip C. Shaffer, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Philadelphia, Pa.

Henry C. Aikin, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Omaha, Neb.

George H. Green, Imperial Oriental Guide, Dallas, Texas.

William S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

Henry A. Collins, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Toronto, Can.

Rial S. Peck, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Hartford, Conn.

George L. Brown, Imperial Marshal, Buffalo, N. Y.

Archibald L. Sloan, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Alvah P. Clayton, Imperial Outer Guard, St. Joseph, Mo.

A motion was adopted for the purchase of a Past Imperial Potentate's jewel for Illustrious Noble McGaffey. On motion of Noble James McGee, of Mecca Temple, the committee was composed of James McGee, Mecca Temple, New York City; Edward P. Jordan, Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, and Thad. B. Beecher, Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.

The thanks of the Imperial Council were extended to the Nobles of Hella Temple, and to the Nobles and ladies of Texas for their generous hospitality.

CHARTER REFUSED IN PHILIPPINES

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that a charter be granted to the petitioners for a temple at Manila, under a title to be approved by the Imperial Potentate when the proper papers were presented to him, the fee for this dispensation to be refunded if in the judgment of the Imperial Council, it be proper to do so.

The motion to adopt this report was laid on the table by a vote of 76 to 12, thus disposing of the question of a temple for Manila.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Imperial Potentate Ethelbert E. Allen convened the Imperial Council for the twenty-fifth annual session at the German-American Hall in the city of Buffalo, June 14, 1899. The pilgrimage to Buffalo was a large one, and was attended not only by the representatives, but by large delegations from the various temples of the country, with full Arab patrols in many instances. Buffalo was elaborately decorated in honor of the occasion, and the Shrine fez was much in evidence. The Imperial Council was welcomed by the Mayor of the city, and by the Potentate of Ismailia Temple, Noble Erastus C. Knight, and by Assistant Rabban Noble Thomas Penny.

The Illustrious Potentate mentioned in his address the entering the Unseen Temple of Illustrious Noble George W. Starr, Potentate of Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md., October 18, 1898; of Noble Augustus Winnette Peters, Past Potentate of Mecca Temple, New York, December 29, 1898; of Noble Joseph Eichbaum, Treasurer of Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa., April 15, 1899, and of Noble Joseph Theodore Haskell, of Abdallah Temple. Noble Haskell was a Brigadier-General of the United States Volunteers, and died at Columbus, Ohio, September 16, 1898, as the result of wounds received in the battle of Santiago, Cuba.

The Imperial Potentate, having caused special investigation to be made of Salaam Temple at Olney, Ill., the charter of which was withdrawn at the last session of the Imperial Council, and recognizing the fact that the condition of its membership had been brought about more by neglect than want of appreciation on the part of its officers rather than on the part of its individual members, he therefore authorized the Imperial Recorder to issue dimits upon application to such Nobles as were in good standing at the time the temple was suspended, upon receipt of two dollars with each application. This action met with the approval of the Nobles of Salaam Temple.

The Imperial Potentate reported that no progress had been made in the matter of the establishment of Zenobia Temple at Toledo, Ohio, because no agreement had been reached as to the jurisdiction, the other temples in the State of Ohio failing to make any concession, although Zenobia Temple asked only for Lucas County (in which county Toledo is situated), leaving the other near-by counties to the other temples in the State. Antioch Temple opposed the granting of the dispensation until the members of Antioch Temple residing in Lucas County should be recognized, and an opportunity given to them to become charter members, should they so desire.

SHRINE DAY AT OMAHA EXHIBITION

The official visitations made by the Imperial Potentate during his term of office included a joint ceremonial session of Tangier and Sesostris Temples, located respectively at Omaha, and Lincoln, Neb., and attended by the Potentates and Nobles of near-by temples. The date was September 14, 1898, which was Shrine Day at the Trans-Missouri Exposition, Omaha. Nobles from every direction began assembling a day or two before, many of whom remained the entire week. The welcome reception to the Nobles and their ladies was given by the Nebraska Nobles at the Mercer Hotel during the evening of the 13th, and continued until midnight.

The following morning the Nobles repaired to the Auditorium, where the ceremony of presenting the key of the city of Omaha was performed by Noble Frank E. Moores, Mayor of the city, and the welcome of the Exposition extended by President Gerdon W. Wattles.

September 15th witnessed the ceremonial session of the two Nebraska Temples held in Boyd's Theater, which was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ceremonial sessions it was the privilege of the Imperial Potentate to witness.

Seventy-four candidates were introduced into the mysteries of the Shrine. At the completion of the work a special entertainment was given, followed by an hour of pleasure, and a theater party and entertainment.

Among the other official visitations made by the Imperial Potentate were: To Naja Temple, Deadwood, S. Dak.; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.; Isis Temple, Salina, Kan.; Abdallah Temple, Leavenworth, Kan.; Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo.; Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.; El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.; Mecca Temple, New York City; and Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.

Among the charities of the temples, which are commonly observed by practically all of the temples, Ismailia Temple gave a mammoth Thanksgiving dinner to the news boys at the Forty-seventh Regiment Armory in Buffalo. About one thousand two hundred boys were entertained at the dinner, and a large quantity of the rations which remained were distributed among the charity institutions.

The Imperial Potentate reported no further progress in regard to the establishment of a Shrine temple in England.

The request for a Shrine in Mexico, however, was renewed. Requests from various resident Nobles in the way of communications had been received, and assistance had been assured from El Zaribah Temple, of Phœnix, Ariz. After careful consideration the Imperial Potentate was unable to offer any encouragement.

Noble C. A. Galbraith, now a resident of Hilo, Hawaiian Islands, wrote with reference to the establishment of a temple in the Sandwich Islands. In reply the Imperial Potentate asked for a statement as to the number of Knights Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Masons belonging to consistories under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council in the United States resident in Hawaii, but has received no further communications.

The annual report of the Imperial Recorder showed a total membership, May 1, 1899, of 50,069, a net gain for the year of 2644.

The report of the Imperial Treasurer showed his receipts during the year to have been $19,717.65, and his disbursements $18,953.15, leaving a balance on hand of $15,687.28. The cash receipts were $100.30 less than last year, and the expenditures $4539.67 in excess of last year.

The excess in the expenditures may be explained by the fact that the last session of the Imperial Council was held at Dallas, Texas, while the previous sessions have been held nearly always east of the Mississippi and north of the forty-sixth parallel. Thus the expenditure for mileage for the pilgrimage to Dallas was much heavier than the previous trips; however, the condition of the treasury had become such that it has been easily possible to meet these contingencies.

The Imperial Council adjourned to meet in the District of Columbia, June 6, 1900, but empowering the Imperial Potentate to make such changes in the date as might be deemed advisable after a conference with the officers of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.

At the last session of the Imperial Council the salary of the Imperial Recorder was reduced from $2400 to $2000. The Committee on Finances and Accounts now found that the Imperial Recorder was obliged to pay out of that salary, for office rent, stenographer, engraving of diplomas, $1150, leaving only $850 as compensation for his personal services, and for that reason recommended the restoration of the salary to $2400, and the Imperial Council so ordered.

EFFORT TO CHANGE COLOR OF FEZ

An effort was made to amend the Constitution with reference to the fez, so that it should read as follows:

"The red Turkish fez is adopted as a uniform style for head covering for all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, excepting Potentates and Past Potentates, who shall wear the white Turkish fez."

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws reported adversely. Prior to 1888 various officers of temples were required to wear a different colored fez, white, green, yellow, black, and red; but in 1888 the Imperial Council decreed that the red fez, which is usually worn by the Sultan or Kalif, should be adopted as the uniform style of head covering for all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This was thought to be so appropriate a proceeding that the white-fezed Potentates walked up to the dais in the East and deposited all their white fezes in a row, and entered upon the new order of things, where all members of the Nobility were equal. In view of these facts the committee could see no reason for the change and reported adversely, which report was adopted by the Imperial Council.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations turned the Ohio dispute over to a committee representing one member from each of the five different temples, with the result that it was decided that Zenobia Temple should have sole jurisdiction in the counties of Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wyandot, and should have concurrent jurisdiction with Antioch and Syrian Temples in the remainder of the territory now held as concurrent jurisdiction by Antioch.

Dispensation was granted for the formation of Kalurah Temple, at Binghamton, N. Y., and petitioners for a temple at Mobile, Ala., were given leave to withdraw, for the reason that the committee did not find sufficient material in Alabama for the formation of another temple.

The Imperial officers were chosen as follows:

John H. Atwood, Imperial Potentate, Leavenworth, Kan.

Lou B. Winsor, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Reed City, Mich.

Philip C. Shaffer, Imperial Chief Rabban, Philadelphia, Pa.

Henry C. Aikin, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Omaha, Neb.

George H. Green, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Dallas, Texas.

George L. Brown, Imperial Guide, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

Henry A. Collins, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Toronto, Ont.

Rial S. Peck, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Hartford, Conn.

Alvah P. Clayton, Imperial Marshal, St. Joseph, Mo.

Archibald N. Sloan, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Edwin I. Alderman, Imperial Outer Guard, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

The Imperial Council assembled at the National Capitol on the 22d day of May, 1900, for the twenty-sixth annual session. This gathering was one of the largest that had ever convened, several thousand Nobles and their ladies being present.

Noble Frank H. Thomas, Potentate of Almas Temple delivered, in the Columbia Theater, the address of welcome to the city, and introduced the Hon. John W. Rose, Commissioner of the District of Columbia, who made a felicitous address. Past Imperial Potentate Harrison Dingman delivered an address on behalf of Almas Temple.

ETIQUETTE OF THE SHRINE

The question of Shrine etiquette was incorporated in the address of the Imperial Potentate, John H. Atwood, in which he said:

"It seems to me that there should be some degree of uniformity in the demeanor of Nobles of temples toward their Potentates, and of the Potentates toward their temples. My observation during my term of office has led me to the conclusion that too many Potentates think themselves to be filling an office that is tantamount to that of Moderator in a New England town meeting. Such is not the fact. The Potentate of a temple is the Sheik of his tribe, absolute in his rule during his reign, and amenable to no one except the Imperial Council. I have seen Potentates return the salaam that is extended to them from the altar. This is little in keeping with the relationship existing between a Noble and the Potentate.

"Upon entering or retiring from a temple, a Noble presents himself at the altar and salaams to the one who happens to be for the time the ruler of the temple. The salutation is to the high office rather than to the individual who chances to be Potentate, and being such, is not a personal courtesy that requires the return of a like salutation. Any recognition of the salaam is sufficient, from the making of the sign of our Order to a nod of the head; but for the occupant of the throne to bow to the subject as the subject bows to the throne tends to make ridiculous that which otherwise is a dignified proceeding. The ruler is naturally the recipient of evidences of respect, — his office entitles him to that, — and he is not required to indulge in exaggerated manifestations of gratitude for receiving that which is due to the place which he occupies."

Among the official visitations made by the Imperial Potentate during his term of office were: to Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo.; Isis Temple, Salina, Kan.; Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.; Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.; Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md.; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mecca Temple, New York City; Sphinx Temple, Hartford, Conn.; Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.; and Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.

STRENGTH AND WEALTH OF THE ORDER

Imperial Recorder Rowell reported a total of 226 members of the Imperial Council, with a total of 81 temples, all of which made returns for the year, showing a total of 55,454 members May 1, 1900, a net increase of 5384 for the year. The total receipts in dues, fees, etc., as shown by the report of the Imperial Treasurer, were $25,138.42. Total expenditures on warrants were $16,822.77, and the balance in bank amounted to $24,200.59. The cash receipts were $5,420.77 in excess of the previous year, and the warrants paid were $2,129.28 less than the year before.

The Imperial Council took a recess in order to participate with the ladies, who accompanied the Nobles, in a planked shad luncheon served at Riverside, on the Potomac River, under the auspices of Almas Temple.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

At the second day's session charters were granted to Kalurah Temple, Binghamton, N. Y., and Karnak Temple, Montreal, Quebec.

Dispensation was requested for the establishment of a temple at Mobile, Ala., but because of the fact that there were only 298 Knights Templar in Alabama and but 65 Scottish Rite Masons of the thirty-second degree, unfavorable action was taken. Zamora Temple, founded November 10, 1890, and located at Birmingham, Ala., had a membership of 250 or more, and after considering the number of eligibles remaining in the State of Alabama, the state of affairs did not seem to justify the establishment of a second temple.

Dispensation was granted for the establishment of a temple of the Order at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, the petition having been presented through Islam Temple, San Francisco.

Dispensation was likewise granted for a temple to be known as Za-Ga-Zig Temple at Des Moines, Iowa, with a territorial arrangement preventing conflicts between Za-Ga-Zig, Kaaba, and El Kahir.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing term:

Lou B. Winsor, Imperial Potentate, Reed City, Mich.

Philip C. Shaffer, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Philadelphia, Pa.

Henry C. Aikin, Imperial Chief Rabban, Omaha, Neb.

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RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT

On the evening of May 23 the officers of the Imperial Council and the representatives and their ladies were received by the President of the United States and Mrs. McKinley at the White House. At the session of the Imperial Council the next day the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

> "*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Imperial Council be extended to the President and Mrs. McKinley for the courtesy of receiving the Nobility and their ladies on the evening of May 23, 1900."

Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was again unsuccessful in its efforts to obtain exclusive jurisdiction over Long Island, yet at the same time granting exclusive jurisdiction to Mecca Temple over the county of New York, the territory lying northwest thereof toward Albany and west thereof toward Binghamton, N. Y., with concurrent jurisdiction over the borough of Richmond, otherwise known as Staten Island. Mecca Temple opposed the request of Kismet Temple, and insisted that the existing compact between Kismet and Mecca Temples, which was the one prayed for by Kismet Temple, be maintained. The committee believed it should not be set aside by the Imperial Council without the consent of both parties to the agreement. This was also the view of the Imperial Council.

NOTABLE PILGRIMAGE TO HAWAII

Imperial Potentate Lou B. Winsor undertook personally to institute Aloha Temple, at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, and arranged for the institution to be held in March, 1901. The members of Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids, Mich., of which Noble Winsor was Potentate, on learning of his proposed pilgrimage, requested the privilege of forming his escort. It was desired that Islam Temple, of San Francisco, should participate also in the institution of Aloha Temple, and the Imperial Potentate felt that it could be arranged that these two temples could act in conjunction. However, after considerable correspondence with Islam Temple, that temple decided to go ahead with the proposed visit to Honolulu and the neighboring islands which had been arranged for October, 1900, and Islam accordingly did so.

The visit of the Imperial Potentate to Honolulu was left in the hands of a committee of arrangements for Saladin Temple, who invited other Nobles residing in different oases to join the caravan. A total of 114 Nobles, 58 ladies, and 2 lads formed the caravan. There were represented thirty-five out of the eighty-two chartered temples and twenty-three States of the Union. The Imperial Recorder, Benjamin W. Rowell, was a member of the caravan, and there were also a number of other members of the Imperial Council.

The Imperial train started from Grand Rapids, February 24, 1901, and arrived at the oasis of Medinah Temple, in Chicago, at 4.30 P. M., where the caravan was met by Illustrious Potentate John W. Swatek and members of his temple, who escorted the Imperial party of Medinah Temple, where refreshments were served. They were escorted to the station for departure at 7.30 P. M.

Seven o'clock on the morning of February 26 found the caravan in the oasis of Za-Ga-Zig Temple, at Des Moines, Iowa, and breakfast was served at the caravansary of Past Potentate Macartney. After a halt of two hours the caravan proceeded, arriving at St. Joseph, Mo., at 1.30 P. M. The Arab Patrol of Moila Temple and a band met the caravan at the station and escorted the pilgrims to and from the hotel for luncheon. Leavenworth, Kan., the home of Abdallah Temple, was reached at 4.45 P. M., and a stop of an hour was made, the journey being resumed to Kansas City, Mo., where the Nobles of Ararat Temple met them at the Union Depot and escorted them to the Blossom House for dinner. Afterwards a train of special trolley cars was taken for the Coates House, where a reception was given by the Nobles and ladies of Ararat Temple.

Departure from Kansas City was made at 11 P. M., and Wednesday, February 27, the train was boarded at Dennison, Tex., by Imperial Assistant Rabban George H. Green and Noble Joseph Swope, who escorted the caravan to the oasis of Hella Temple, at Dallas, which was reached at 4 P. M. Four hours were spent enjoying the hospitality of the Hella Nobles, which included a tour of the city and a banquet at the Oriental Hotel. The caravan departed at 8 P. M., and twenty-four hours later halted at El Paso, Texas, where a coterie of Shriners resident there gave a warm reception.

Phœnix, Ariz., the oasis of El Zaribah Temple, was reached at 3 P. M. on Friday, March 1. Nearly all the town was at the railway station, and among the attractions were an Indian band and a Chinese band. An exhibition of broncho busting by cowboys was followed by a banquet at Masonic Temple. Later a visit was made in carriages to the Indian School, the Capitol buildings, and other sights of Phœnix, and the journey toward the setting sun was resumed at 7 P. M.

A brief stop was made at Redlands, Cal., Saturday, March 2, for a drive through the orange groves, and Los Angeles was reached at 1 P. M. Here the Nobles of Al Malaikah Temple had arranged a programme covering the thirty hours which had been arranged for the stop. Potentate Fred M. Smith met the caravan at the station and escorted the members to the Westminster Hotel, where a private reception was held, followed by a public reception at the Chamber of Commerce. In the evening a glittering street pageant was given, and the Imperial Potentate was placed at the top of a high float, " wrapped in the exclusiveness of his own dignity," as he has officially written. The carnival was followed by a banquet.

Sunday the party was taken in tallyhoes to Pasadena and to Arcadia, the ranch of " Lucky " Baldwin, where dinner was served beneath the great oak trees. Past Imperial Potentate Charles M. Field arrived from San Francisco to escort the caravan to the oasis of Islam Temple, and departure was made at 6 P. M., Sunday, San Francisco being reached at noon on Monday, March 4. A reception was held at the Palace Hotel, and the keys of the city were turned over by Potentate Joseph C. Campbell, of Islam Temple. On Tuesday a luncheon was served at the Cliff House, followed by a drive through beautiful Golden Gate Park, and in the evening a reception and ball was given by Islam Temple in honor of the visitors.

Wednesday was devoted to excursions by boat to the great shipbuilding yards of the Union Iron Works, the Presidio, Sausalito, Fort Point, and El Campo.

Thursday, March 7, the caravan boarded the steamship " Sierra " and sailed out of the Golden Gate, reaching Honolulu at 1.30 P. M. on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 13. The Nobles of the new temple came out in a tug, and automobiles were in waiting at the dock to escort the Imperial party to the hotel.

INSTITUTION OF ALOHA TEMPLE

Aloha Temple was instituted under dispensation on the evening of Thursday, March 14, and Noble C. B. Wood duly installed as the first Potentate. The following evening a ceremonial session of the new temple was held. This was preceded by a characteristic Shrine parade through the principal streets of Honolulu, and the Imperial party was photographed on the steps of the palace of former Queen Liliuokalani. Forty sons of the desert made the pilgrimage over the hot sands at the ceremonial session and the divan formed for the occasion was as follows:

Lou B. Winsor, Imperial Potentate.

Frank O. Evans, Potentate of Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Chief Rabban.

William H. McGregor, Moslem Temple, Assistant Rabban.

Nathan A. Stoddard, Saladin Temple, High Priest and Prophet.

Charles E. Fink, Saladin Temple, Oriental Guide.

William Wente, Saladin Temple, Treasurer.
Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder.
W. G. P. Jacobs, El Riad Temple, First Ceremonial Master.
B. D. Vaughn, Moslem Temple, Second Ceremonial Master.
Lucian E. Wood, Saladin Temple, Marshal.
Charles B. Quigley, Saladin Temple, Director.
C. V. Dykeman, Kismet Temple, Captain of the Guard.
John A. Wolcott, Saladin Temple, Outer Guard.
Dr. Fred N. Bonine, Saladin Temple, Alchemist.
Dr. Louis Barth, Saladin Temple, Alchemist.
Col. J. C. Herkner, Saladin Temple, Captain of Arab Patrol.

Sixteen other members of the caravan, from various temples, formed the Arab Patrol.

The ceremonies were performed according to the usual custom and all the mystic rites were observed, the session lasting until a late hour.

Then followed days of sightseeing and gayety. Saturday a native feast was participated in. Monday a banquet was served at Moana Hotel to three hundred Nobles and their ladies. Excursions were taken to the Islands of Molokai, Maui, Lauai, Hawaii, and the volcano of Kilauea on Tuesday. Wednesday evening there was a ball. Saturday, March 23, an excursion was taken to Mauna Loa and on the 25th a great theater party was given.

Every day was filled with pleasure and sightseeing, and the Nobles of the new temple were unremitting in their attentions. Finally, on Thursday, April 4, the Imperial party sailed on its return, reaching San Francisco Wednesday, April 10. Departure was made at 8 P. M. on the special train for Portland, Ore., the oasis of Al Kader Temple. On arrival at 9 A. M. Friday, April 12, Potentate Irving W. Pratt, and others of Al Kader Temple, escorted the visitors to the Portland Hotel, where the breakfast included a sixty-pound Chinook salmon.

A delightful day was spent in Portland. The visitors were escorted to Council Crest, an eminence a thousand feet above the city, affording a wonderful panorama in every direction. Below nestles the city and the Williamette and Columbia rivers. To the west a glimpse of the Pacific may be had, while to the east the perpetual snow-capped peaks of Mt. Adams, Mt. Hood, Mt. Ranier, Mt. Helen, and Mt. Shasta lift their heads above the clouds.

A committee from Afifi Temple, of Tacoma, Wash., met the caravan at Portland, and escorted them to Tacoma, where in the evening a banquet was served at Masonic Hall. The departure was made at 11 P. M.

The afternoon of April 13 was spent as the guests of the El Katif Temple, Spokane, Wash.

The Nobles of Algeria Temple, Helena, Mont., received the party in passing, and decorated them with souvenirs, and the morning of April 16 was spent as the guests of El Zagal Temple, Fargo, N. Dak. The reception included the Shrine band, numbering twenty-eight pieces, every player a Noble.

In the evening the party was entertained at the West Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn., by Zuhrah Temple. The ladies of the caravan attended a reception at the West Hotel, while the Nobles witnessed the ceremonial session of Zuhrah Temple.

Chicago was reached on the afternoon of the 17th of April, when the caravan separated after a trip covering 3448 miles, not one of the party any the worse for the pilgrimage.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Imperial Council was held in the Standard Theater, Kansas City, Mo., June 11 and 12, 1901. The feature of the opening session was the singing of the Modoc Glee Club, of Topeka, Kan. Imperial Potentate Winsor had put in a busy year, and his address was one of unusual interest. Besides his tour to Honolulu he made official visitations to Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Des Moines, Iowa, for its institution; Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minn.; Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.; Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo.; Abdallah Temple, Leavenworth, Kan.; Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.; Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.; Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y.; Kalurah Temple, Binghamton, N. Y.; Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mecca Temple, New York City; Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.; Palestine Temple, Providence, R. I.; Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y.; and Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y. In all he visited twenty-eight temples during the year.

One of the ambitions of the Imperial Potentate's life was realized when in making the pilgrimage to Mecca he was duly enrolled in the Book of Sheiks and decorated with the Haji badge.

The visit to Palestine Temple, Providence, was also notable, because Providence is his native city, and this was his first return after many years, so that the occasion of the official visit was of double importance to him.

The Imperial Recorder reported the number of members of the Imperial Council to be 246, and the number of temples 83, with a total membership of 60,422.

The financial statement made by the Imperial Treasurer showed the cash receipts for the year to have been $26,323.60, and warrants paid aggregating $20,062.63, with a balance in the bank to the credit of the Imperial Council of $30,815.96.

A charter was granted to Aloha Temple, Honolulu, Hawaii, but the request of Nobles of western Pennsylvania, now members of Zem Zem and Syria, for a dispensation for the formation of a temple at Newcastle, Pa., was refused, because in the opinion of the Imperial Council there were not sufficient eligibles to justify a successful temple.

KISMET TEMPLE VICTORIOUS

The long drawn out contest between Kismet and Mecca Temples, which had been occupying considerable time of the Imperial Council at the recent sessions, again came up for discussion, and was the subject of a lengthy address by Noble James McGee of Mecca Temple, while Noble William O. Campbell was heard in behalf of Kismet Temple. A resolution was finally adopted that Kismet Temple should have the exclusive jurisdiction over all the territory of Long Island, and that Mecca Temple should have exclusive jurisdiction over all other territory now occupied, or that has been occupied, by Kismet Temple and Mecca Temple concurrently. The vote stood on this: affirmative, 142; negative, 69.

Za-Ga-Zig Temple, at Des Moines, Iowa, after one year's trial, complained that the territory assigned it was unsatisfactory and asked for a redivision of the State of Iowa, placing Za-Ga-Zig Temple on an equal footing with her two sister temples. The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws reported that Za-Ga-Zig Temple had not presented the matters in dispute to the other temples in Iowa, and had made no effort to secure any agreement with them. The committee therefore recommended that the petition of Za-Ga-Zig Temple be rejected, and this action was taken by the Imperial Council.

The election of officers was held with the following result:

PHILIP C. SHAFFER, Imperial Potentate, Philadelphia, Pa.

HENRY C. AIKIN, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Omaha, Neb.

GEORGE H. GREEN, Imperial Chief Rabban, Dallas, Tex.

GEORGE L. BROWN, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Buffalo, N. Y.

HENRY A. COLLINS, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Toronto, Can.

ALVAH P. CLAYTON, Imperial Oriental Guide, St. Joseph, Mo.

WILLIAM S. BROWN, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

RIAL S. PECK, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Hartford, Conn.

EDWIN I. ALDERMAN, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

GEORGE L. STREET, Imperial Marshal, Richmond, Va.

CHARLES F. BECK, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Detroit, Mich.

FRANK C. ROUNDY, Imperial Outer Guard, Chicago, Ill.

The Imperial Council indorsed the project undertaken by the Missouri Fraternal Congress to erect a fraternal building at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904, and approved of the plan of raising the required amount by contributions from members.

San Francisco was chosen as the next place of meeting for the Imperial Council. Some years ago, when the Order was not so strong as at present, San Francisco was selected as the place for meeting, but it became necessary to deny Islam Temple the privilege of entertaining the Imperial Council because of lack of funds, and at that time the session was held at Pittsburg instead.

Islam Temple had from time to time since then expressed the hope that the Imperial Council would come to the Golden Gate. Oriental Temple, at Troy, N. Y., invited the Imperial Council to meet at Saratoga Springs, Lu Lu Temple of Philadelphia also invited the Imperial Council to meet there.

The committee heard the appeals on behalf of San Francisco, Saratoga Springs, and Philadelphia, and the majority of the committee reported in favor of San Francisco. The minority, however, favored Saratoga, basing their argument on the statement that the temples in the far West represented less than twenty per cent of the entire membership of the Order, and claiming that many of the temples east of the Mississippi would actually be deprived of representation in the Imperial Council if the meeting should be held in San Francisco.

The Imperial Council rejected the minority report by a vote of 121 to 84, and the invitation of Islam Temple was accepted.

SHRINE DAY AT BUFFALO EXPOSITION

Noble Frank Gilbert, of Ismailia Temple, addressed the Imperial Council on the importance of having a date set aside by the managers of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo as "Shrine Day," and on behalf of the exposition management extended an invitation to all the Nobles of the Order to attend the exposition on August 31, 1901. This invitation was accepted by the Imperial Council, and the day was officially made Shrine Day at the exposition.

A large number of Nobles assembled at the exposition in Buffalo for this occasion. There was a heavy downpour of rain at the time set for the general rendezvous. At 10.30 A. M. it was still storming, and for a time looked as if a part of the programme would have to be abandoned. An hour later, however, the sun broke through the clouds and enabled Noble George F. Loder, with the Arab Patrol from Damascus Temple, to give an exhibition drill, which received loud applause from the assembled Shriners. Then the parade was formed, headed by the Orlean band and the Arab Patrol of Ismailia Temple. Next in line were the officers and members of the Imperial Council, together with strong delegations from Ismailia, Damascus, and Mecca Temples, and a large number of other Nobles, representing almost every temple in the country. This parade was augmented by the camels and elephants, Indian-chief warriors from a circus, with water buffaloes and inhabitants of the Filipino village; in fact, every desirable attraction was added to make the procession picturesque in the extreme. It was estimated that fully five thousand Nobles were in line.

At the conclusion of the parade the Nobles joined their ladies in the Temple of Music, where the Illustrious Potentate of Ismailia Temple extended a welcome to the Council on behalf of that Temple. The Hon. Conrad Diehl, Mayor of Buffalo, delivered a large golden key, which he said unlocked the gates of the city of Buffalo, and the Hon. W. J. Buchanan bade the Nobles welcome on behalf of the Exposition.

Imperial Potentate Philip C. Shaffer was present on this occasion and responded to the address of welcome. Addresses were also made by Past Imperial Potentate Samuel Briggs, and by Imperial High Priest and Prophet Harry A. Collins, while others of the Imperial Council were present, including Imperial Assistant Rabban George L. Brown, Imperial Recorder Benjamin W. Rowell, Past Imperial Potentate Lou B. Winsor, and a large number of representatives.

The New York State building at the exposition was the headquarters for all Shriners and their ladies, while everything possible was done for all, Ismailia Temple entertaining during the entire day and evening.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

The Palace Hotel in San Francisco was selected as the headquarters of the Imperial Council for the twenty-eighth annual session, and the sessions of the Imperial Council were held in Golden Gate Hall.

San Francisco was elaborately decorated for the occasion, and the usual hearty and whole-souled welcome which was extended the Imperial Council and its unusually large caravan was greatly appreciated by the members.

Islam Temple had carefully planned a week of entertainment, and had divided the work among numerous committees, so that nothing seemed to be wanting when the Nobles and their ladies began arriving, June 9, 1902.

Escorts met each train and ferry, and the arriving visitors were taken first to headquarters to be registered and provided with credentials admitting to many courtesies arranged for the week, and thence to their headquarters. So well was the work arranged that there was not the slightest confusion.

This being the first meeting of the Imperial Council west of the Rocky Mountains, some notable pilgrimages were made by temples in the East. Special trains were chartered, starting well in advance of the time of the meeting of the Imperial Council and stopping en route at points of interest, where the travelers received the attention of the Nobles resident there.

Market street, through which the parade was to move, was gayly decorated, and the whole city was in holiday attire. The line of march was through Market street to the Ferry Building, and there counter-marching, passing the Palace, the Grand, and other large hotels. Brilliant illuminations and fireworks formed an important feature of the display. Books of coupons were handed to each of the visitors and the ladies. These coupons called for various entertainments or excursions throughout the week, including a performance at the Chinese Theater, excursions to Golden Gate Park and the Cliff House, Oakland, and Berkeley, and a trip on the Bay to the great ship-building plant and the Union Iron Works.

Islam Temple had spared neither pains nor expense in making its arrangements for the feast, and the session will be long remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

When the session had been called to order in Golden Gate Hall on June 10, the Lowing Glee Club, consisting of sixty male voices, gave a number of selections. The address of welcome was made by Illustrious Potentate Charles H. Murphy, of Islam Temple, who dwelt upon the green pastures and fertile oases and noble forests of the great State of California, tempered by the breezes from the Pacific, or from the snow-clad mountains, and the wonderful climatic conditions "where sunshine and shadow combine in peace; where storms are hushed and soothed in the lap of comfort."

Mayor E. E. Smitz made an address on behalf of the city, and the response was made by Past Imperial Potentate Lou B. Winsor in place of the Imperial Potentate, who was suffering from a severe hoarseness.

The roll-call of the members of the Imperial Council showed that eighty temples were represented by 231 Nobles, which was ample approbation of the action of the last Imperial Council, where opposition to San Francisco was made and the contention put forth that many of the temples in the East could not afford to send representatives.

ORDER'S WONDERFUL PROSPERITY

In his annual address Imperial Potentate Shaffer dwelt at length upon the wonderful prosperity of the Order, the net gain for the year being 6,391 and the cash receipts exceeding those of last year by $5,430.30.

Official visitations by the Imperial Potentate during his term of office included Shrine Day at the Pan-American Exposition (August 31, 1901) at Buffalo. He also attended nine working sessions of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.; the silver anniversary of Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, October 21, 1901; Sphinx Temple, Hartford, Conn.; Melha Temple, Springfield, Mass.; Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md.; Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.; Mecca Temple, New York City; Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.; Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pa.; Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.; Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa.; and a session held at Altoona, Pa., where fifty novices were received; and Irem Temple, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

One of the Imperial Potentate's visits of note was that made to Mecca Temple on November 30, 1901. This session of Mecca Temple was held in the city of Newark, N. J., and the Imperial Potentate was accompanied on his journey by the Arab Patrol of Lu Lu Temple and a large number of Nobles who traveled by special train. Headquarters were established at the Continental Hotel, and at 6.30 o'clock in the evening, upon the arrival of the delegation from New York City, a parade was formed with the Arab Patrols of Mecca and Lu Lu Temples, two bands, and a total of about one thousand Nobles.

The entire line of march was illuminated by a color of fire upon the buildings. In the windows there were Shrine emblems prominently displayed, many of the decorations excelling those usually seen at the annual sessions of the Imperial Council. The Auditorium, in which the ceremonial session was held, was arranged with a stage setting of Oriental splendor. One hundred and fifty-four weary sons of the desert joined the caravan in the pilgrimage, and having safely met the Moslem test, were received into the mysteries of the Order.

Imperial Recorder Rowell's report showed that the eighty-three temples of the Order had a total membership, May 1, 1902, of 67,354. The total number of Nobles initiated during the year aggregated 8,590. The Imperial Treasurer's receipts aggregated $31,793.90, and the expenditures on warrants amounted to $22,501.46, the amount of cash remaining in the bank to the credit of the Imperial Council being $40,626.68.

A dispensation was granted for the establishment of El Mina Temple at Galveston, Tex., an arrangement as to jurisdiction having been agreed upon between the representatives of Hella Temple and those representing the new Temple.

The Imperial Council refused the request for the establishment of a temple at Roanoke, Va., and also refused to permit the establishment of one at Seattle, Wash.

In the case of Roanoke it was pointed out that the field in Virginia is not large enough at present for two temples. Acca Temple, at Richmond, had been in existence for sixteen years, and for the greater part of that time had to bear heavy financial burdens.

Seattle is located only thirty-five miles from Tacoma, where Afifi Temple is located, and this is the reason given by the Imperial Council for refusing to establish a temple at Seattle, although Seattle is the larger city, having in recent years outstripped its neighbor.

SHRINE SCORED BY MASONIC GRAND MASTER

The representatives of El Jebel Temple, Denver, Col., transmitted a circular letter issued by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, A. F. and A. M., together with the reply of El Jebel Temple. It appears that the Arab Patrol of El Jebel Temple gave a public entertainment in the rooms of the Masonic Temple in Denver, and it was claimed that certain things were done which were not regarded as proper, and after investigation by the committee appointed by him, the Grand Master of Masons of Colorado issued a circular letter to the Masonic lodges of his jurisdiction advising and recommending the Master Masons to withhold all applications for initiation in the said "Mystic Shrine" until further orders from him, as Grand Master, or from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

To this circular El Jebel Temple made a reply, saying: "There is no rule, by-law, statute, or regulation adopted or recognized by the Order of the Mystic Shrine which is hostile or inimical to the best teachings of the craft to which we belong. While the teachings of the Order are purely social, neither our laws nor our practices contemplate acts or conduct which any good Mason can condemn."

The Imperial Council took the view that the answer of El Jebel Temple was a proper one, and felt that the Imperial Council could safely "let the matter rest for the present, at least," with that reply.

The special committee was none the less alive to the gravity of a situation wherein the presiding officer of the Grand Lodge warns his members against uniting with an order which is not, and never claimed to be, a Masonic Order, and to which the members, so warned, are not even eligible to membership. The committee, which was composed of William B. Melish, Harrison Dingman, and Ethelbert F. Allen, took the view that the action of the Grand Master of Colorado must have the approval or disapproval of his Grand Lodge, and until this was done, it would, in their opinion, be out of place for the Imperial Council of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine to make any comment or take any official action thereon. The committee, therefore, recommended that no action be taken.

Noble Charles A. Benedict, Potentate of Mecca Temple, addressed Noble Charles L. Field of Islam Temple, and presented to him for the use of Islam Temple, a framed photograph of San Francisco, taken in 1853, the photograph being nine feet long and three feet wide. It is said to be the only view of the city taken at that time. Noble Field accepted the gift on behalf of Islam Temple.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the choice of the following:

Henry C. Aikin, Imperial Potentate, Omaha, Neb.

George H. Green, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Dallas, Texas.

George L. Brown, Imperial Chief Rabban, Buffalo, N. Y.

Henry A. Collins, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Toronto, Can.

Alvah P. Clayton, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, St. Joseph, Mo.

Frank C. Roundy, Imperial Oriental Guide, Chicago, Ill.

William S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

Edwin I. Alderman, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Marion, Iowa.

George L. Street, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Richmond, Va.

Fred A. Hines, Imperial Marshal, Los Angeles, Cal.

Charles A. Tonsor, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

J. Frank Treat, Imperial Outer Guard, Fargo, N. Dak.

The Imperial Council refused the request of Za-Ga-Zig Temple for a new division of the State of Iowa, thus leaving the agreement in Iowa in full force and effect.

NO NEED FOR AN INDIGENT HOME

Morocco Temple at Jacksonville, Fla., transmitted a resolution suggesting that the Imperial Council take steps looking for the establishment of a permanent home for indigent Shriners, believing that a sum sufficient to build such a home could be realized if five dollars were collected from each Noble for three to five years.

Morocco Temple also suggested in connection with such a home the establishment of a school where the children of indigent Shriners and the dependent orphans of those deceased might be educated, and where the dependent widows of deceased Shriners might find employment and homes.

The Imperial Council, through the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws, reported unfavorably in this matter, seeing no reason or necessity at this time for any such action on the part of the Imperial Council. The committee said:

"Under the blessings of Allah which have been bestowed upon the oases in which we have erected our temples, each member of the Nobility has opportunity afforded him to care for himself and those dependent upon him. Besides the Spirit of Charity, especially to those who are of the Household of Faith, it is so thoroughly inculcated in the hearts of the Nobility that indigence is almost unknown among Shriners, and, if known, can find relief in each temple. The many homes for orphans and widows which have been established by the bodies, membership in which is a prerequisite for admission to the Ancient Arabic Order, and of which homes we are advocates and supporters, precludes the necessity of establishing an eleemosynary institution under the auspices or control of the Imperial Council."

Kosair Temple, at Louisville, Ky., under date of May 17, preferred charges against Syrian Temple at Cincinnati, Ohio, transmitting a list of some fifty Nobles from the Jurisdiction of Kosair Temple who had been admitted to the Order in Syrian Temple, most of them living in Covington, Ky. In many cases, it appeared upon investigation that the applicants gave their residences as Cincinnati. The Imperial Council did not feel required to take any action in this matter, because since the appeal was lodged an agreement was reached between the two temples whereby Syrian Temple agreed to be more careful in accepting petitions from candidates who resided within the territory of Kosair Temple.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., was the place of meeting of the twenty-ninth annual session of the Imperial Council, commencing July 8, 1903. The sessions were held at the Broadway Theater. The attendance was large, and the Oriental Temple of Troy was the particular host upon this occasion.

Among the acts of the Imperial Potentate during his term of office was the granting of the charter of El Mina Temple, and the establishment by dispensation of Gizeh Temple, at Victoria, B. C.; Salaam Temple, at Newark, N. J.; Luxor Temple, at St. John, N. B., and Abba Temple, at Mobile, Ala.

The statistics reported by Imperial Recorder Rowell and Imperial Treasurer Brown showed a total of 87,182 Nobles, an increase of 10,851, the most wonderful growth of any year since the formation of the Imperial Council. The Imperial Recorder received and paid over to the Imperial Treasurer the sum of $42,718.08, and the Imperial Treasurer drew warrants against the same amounting to $34,898.11. After allowing for the expenses of the present session it was estimated that the new Imperial Potentate would start out with a balance of about $32,000. The balance June 1, 1903, was $49,104.69, desposited in Pittsburg banks to the credit of the Imperial Council.

The Imperial Potentate made this statement with great pride, for he recalled the blank look on the faces of some of the officers and members of the Imperial Council when the balance was declared immediately after the session in San Francisco.

Imperial Potentate Aiken had served during an unusually busy year, many questions having come up for his decision. He also made an extended round of official visits, which included Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Des Moines, Iowa; Tangier Temple, Omaha, Neb.; Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo.; Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.; El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Neb.; Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minn.; El Zagal Temple, Fargo, N. Dak.; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kosair Temple, Louisville, Ky.; Alhambra Temple, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Yaarba Temple, Atlanta, Ga.; Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla.; Zamora Temple, Birmingham, Ala.; Hamasa Temple, Meridian, Miss.; Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans, La.; Al Chymia Temple, Memphis, Tenn.; Tebala Temple, Rockford, Ill.; Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee, Wis.; Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.; and El Riad Temple, Yankton, S. Dak.

NEW TEMPLES CHARTERED

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were granted to the following:

Salaam Temple, Newark, N. J.

Abba Temple, Mobile, Ala.

Cairo Temple, Rutland, Vt.

Abou Ben Adhem Temple, Springfield, Mo.

Gizeh Temple, Victoria, B. C., with jurisdiction over all the territory lying along the Yukon river.

Luxor Temple, St. John, N. B., with jurisdiction over all New Brunswick and half way to the nearest temple in the British possessions in North America.

Charter was also granted to Jaffa Temple, Altoona, Pa., in spite of objections raised by Syria, Zem Zem, Irem, and Rajah Temples, which wished to retain the territory sought by Jaffa.

The Imperial Council refused dispensation to establish a temple at Aberdeen, S. Dak.

CONTROL OF CLUBS AND PATROLS

The Imperial Council approved the report made by the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws to the effect that organizations composed entirely of Shriners, called Turkish patrols, Arab patrols, Shrine clubs, etc., are subject to the authority of the temple to which the members belong.

An attempt was made at this session of the Imperial Council to make the minimum fee for conferring the order $50 instead of $25, which latter minimum had obtained for many years. It was pointed out that of the eighty-five temples of the Order twenty-eight of these charged the minimum fee of $25; one charged $27.50; seventeen charged $30; four charged $35; three charged $40; thirty charged $50; and two charged $100. The present condition of fifty-three temples would, therefore, be disturbed by the proposed amendment.

It was claimed that the dignity of the Order demanded an advance in its fees, but the present law, as well as the proposed one, permitted a temple to increase its fees at its pleasure. When the subject was put to a vote of the Imperial Council 123 voted in favor of an indefinite postponement and 105 opposed delay, so the matter went over to a future session of the Imperial Council.

The election of officers was held with the following result:

George H. Green, Imperial Potentate, Dallas, Texas.

George L. Brown, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Buffalo, N. Y.

Henry A. Collins, Imperial Chief Rabban, Toronto, Ont.

Alvah P. Clayton, Imperial Assistant Rabban, St. Joseph, Mo.

Frank C. Roundy, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Chicago, Ill.

Edwin I. Alderman, Imperial Oriental Guide, Marion, Iowa.

William S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

George L. Street, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Richmond, Va.

Fred A. Hines, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Los Angeles, Cal.

Charles A. Tonsor, Imperial Marshal, Brooklyn, N. Y.

J. Frank Treat, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Fargo, N. Dak.

William J. Cunningham, Imperial Outer Guard, Baltimore, Md.

Nobles George W. Millar and James McGee, of Mecca Temple, New York, and George F. Loder, of Damascus Temple, were elected emeriti members of the Imperial Council.

The by-laws were amended, increasing the salary of the Imperial Treasurer from $300 a year to $500 a year.

Among the notable members of the Order who entered the Unseen Temple during the year was Illustrious Peter J. Freiling, Recorder of Abdallah Temple, Leavenworth, Kan. Noble Freiling was a representative to the Imperial Council from 1901 to 1903 inclusive. He entered the Unseen Temple June 10, 1903.

Atlantic City, N. J., was selected as the place for holding the thirtieth annual session of the Imperial Council, under dates of June 13 and 14, 1904, on the invitation of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, whose jurisdiction took in the famous resort by the sea.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

The Imperial Council convened for the thirtieth annual session at Atlantic City, N. J. The sessions were held in Marine Hall, Young's Pier, July 13 and 14, 1904. Nobles and their ladies accompanied the representatives of the Imperial Council by special trains from many parts of the country. The broad board walk which runs along the front at the famous New Jersey coast resort was crowded with wearers of the fez for the greater part of a week. The usual parade was given, together with drills by the Arab patrols of the various temples.

Noble Joseph F. Stoy, of Lu Lu Temple, and Mayor of Atlantic City, welcomed the Imperial Council and presented a casket which he said contained the keys to the city and to almost everything in the city. Illustrious Potentate George R. Banes, of Lu Lu Temple, also welcomed the Nobles. The response to the addresses of welcome was made by Imperial Potentate George H. Green.

No afternoon session was held, as the officers and representatives of the Imperial Council, upon the invitation of Lu Lu Temple, gathered at the Royal Palace Hotel, where a banquet was served.

Eighty-nine temples were officially represented. The Imperial Potentate expressed himself as highly gratified at the continued growth of the Order. At the close of the fiscal year, April 30, the record showed a total gain of membership of 12,571, and a net gain of 9,545. The total membership, April 30, was 87,727, and the total number of temples, 91. The receipts for the year amounted to $42,526.75, the disbursements were $26,703.53, and the balance in banks to the credit of the Imperial Council was $64,927.91.

Thirty-two temples reported Christmas charities aggregating $13,575.82. The official visitations of the Imperial Potentate during his term of office included Mecca Temple, New York City; El Jebel Temple, Denver, Col.; Sahara Temple, Pine Bluff, Ark.; El Mina Temple, Galveston, Tex.; India Temple, Oklahoma, Okla.; Ben Hur Temple, Austin, Tex.; Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo.; Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.; Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa; Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Des Moines, Iowa; El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.; Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa.; Aladdin Temple, Columbus, Ohio; Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.

Deputies and members of the Imperial Divan visited the other temples and officially reported thereon.

Charters were granted to Yelduz Temple, Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, Pa. Dispensations were asked and refused for temples at Trenton, N. J., New Castle, Pa., and Hot Springs, Ark. In the case of Hot Springs the pressure was particularly strong, but the subject was deferred one year. It was shown that the State could maintain but one temple, owing to lack of eligible material.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows:

George L. Brown, Imperial Potentate, Buffalo, N. Y.

Henry A. Collins, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Toronto, Ont.

Alvah P. Clayton, Imperial Chief Rabban, St. Joseph, Mo.

Frank C. Roundy, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Chicago, Ill.

Edwin I. Alderman, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Marion, Iowa.

George L. Street, Imperial Oriental Guide, Richmond, Va.

William S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

Fred A. Hines, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Los Angeles, Cal.

J. Frank Treat, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Fargo, N. Dak.

William J. Cunningham, Imperial Marshal, Baltimore, Md.

William W. Irwin, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Wheeling, W. Va.

William J. Pettee, Imperial Outer Guard, Oklahoma, Okla.

The question of the amendment of the Constitution increasing the minimum initiation fee from $25 to $50 again came before the Imperial Council, having been deferred from the last session. The recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws that the amendment be rejected was adopted by the Imperial Council, leaving the question of the amount of fees optional with the individual temples, but with the minimum fee of $25.

Before the Imperial Council adjourned the Nobles of the vicinity of Trenton, N. J., secured a reconsideration of the vote by which a dispensation was refused, and a charter was granted to Crescent Temple, with concurrent jurisdiction in the State of New Jersey with Salaam Temple at Newark.

Among the illustrious dead of the year were Noble Charles W. Cushman, representative of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y.; Noble Edward C. Culp, representative of Isis Temple, Salina, Kan., and Noble Edward R. Harris, representative of Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

The Imperial Council held its thirty-first annual session in the International Theater, Niagara Falls, N. Y., commencing June 20, 1905. The headquarters of the Imperial Council were in the International Hotel. There was an unusually large attendance, due to the attractions that are to be found at the always wonderful falls of Niagara.

In his annual address Imperial Potentate George L. Brown reviewed briefly the events of the year, which showed a net increase in membership of 9,069. The total membershp was 96,796. Receipts for the year amounted to $42,839.95, and the expenditures were $30,983.14, leaving a balance to the credit of the Imperial Council of $78,008.57. Christmas charities reported by the various temples aggregated about $20,000.

Dispensations were granted by the Imperial Potentate for the following temples: Khartum, Winnipeg, Man.; Al Amin, Little Rock, Ark.; and Bektash, Concord, N. H.

Official visitations by the Imperial Potentate during his year of office included: Zem Zem Temple, Bradford, Pa.; Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.; Kalurah Temple, Binghamton, N. Y.; Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y.; Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y.; Al Koran Temple, Harrisburg, Pa.; Irem Temple, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.; Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo.; Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa.; Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio; Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.; Oasis Temple, Charlotte, N. C.; Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, Ga.; Alhambra Temple, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Hamasa Temple, Meridian, Miss.; Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans, La.; Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla.; Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.

DEATH OF ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLE SAM BRIGGS

Among the noted dead of the year was Illustrious and Past Imperial Potentate Sam Briggs, of Al Koran Temple, who entered the Unseen Temple December 22, 1904. Illustrious Noble Briggs was one of the organizers, the first member and the first Potentate of Al Koran Temple, of Cleveland. He was one of the men largely responsible for bringing the Order out of a state of chaos and confusion and into that channel from which its progress has been rapid and continuous. He was the second Imperial Potentate and served in that capacity for several years. He received the Order in 1876 at the hands of Noble W. J. Florence, and was responsible for the first celebration of the Order in full ceremonial form, with all the costumes, paraphernalia, etc., setting an example in Al Koran Temple which was emulated throughout the country. He had a large share in the origination of Shrine literature and made applicable many of the Egyptian symbols, terms, and ceremonies.

Noble Briggs was a native of New York, where he was born in 1841. He located in Cleveland in 1865. He received the thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite in 1885. He was one of the charter members of the Consistory of Northern Ohio, now the Lake Erie Consistory.

The Black Camel also halted before the tent of Noble E. A. Stahlbrodt, a representative of Damascus Temple, February 24, 1905, and before the tent of Noble William Ryan, of Kosair Temple, November 13, 1904. Noble Ryan was popularly known as "Daddy," and was styled by hundreds as the "gentleman of the Shrine." He was the first Potentate of Kosair Temple and its representative to the Imperial Council for many years. The cherished object of his heart was the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Louisville, and he never failed, at the Imperial Council sessions, to secure a number of subscriptions to the "Masonic Home Journal" for its benefit at the annual sessions of the Imperial Council. This journal is printed at the home by those of the orphans who are taught the printing trade.

The report of Imperial Recorder Rowell showed 322 representatives to the Imperial Council, from 97 temples, the membership of which was 96,796, a net gain for the year of 9,069. Imperial Treasurer Brown reported receipts of $42,839.95 and expenditures of $30,983.14, with a balance to the credit of the Imperial Council of $79,959.92.

Charters were granted at this session to Crescent Temple, Trenton, N. J., which was authorized at the last annual session, to Khartum Temple, Winnipeg, Man.; Bektash Temple, Concord, N. H., and Al Amin Temple, Little Rock, Ark.

A request was presented for the establishment of a temple at Syracuse, N. Y., or the removal of Ziyara Temple to Syracuse from Utica. This was refused, as was also the request for the establishment of a temple at Duluth, Minn.

The new Imperial Divan was chosen as follows:

Henry A. Collins, Imperial Potentate, Toronto, Ont.

Alvah P. Clayton, Deputy Imperial Potentate, St. Joseph, Mo.

Frank C. Roundy, Imperial Chief Rabban, Chicago, Ill.

Edwin I. Alderman, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Marion, Iowa.

George L. Street, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Richmond, Va.

Fred A. Hines, Imperial Oriental Guide, Los Angeles, Cal.

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William W. Irwin, Imperial Marshal, Baltimore, Md.

Jacob T. Barron, Captain of the Guard, Columbia, S. C.

Frederick R. Smith, Imperial Outer Guard, Rochester, N. Y.

CHARGES AGAINST NOBLE JOHN W. BOYLE

Charges were preferred against Illustrious Potentate John W. Boyle, of Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y., and were fully reviewed in the annual address of the Imperial Potentate. They were referred to a committee, which reported that while the complainants had asked for further time, the majority of the committee deemed it inadvisable to grant it. The complainants also asked leave to specify that they had not intended to charge any personal dishonesty, and asked leave to so amend the charges, which was granted. The committee reported that while the by-laws of Ziyara Temple had not been strictly observed in the matter of creating and making expenditures, yet the action of Potentate Boyle had been approved by his temple, and the committee acquitted Noble Boyle of all charges pertaining to the financial expenditures of the Temple.

The complainants put in evidence the minutes of Ziyara Temple covering the period of the dispute in question. Noble Boyle had replied fully to the charges, which had been preferred while he was absent on a tour in Europe and the Orient. He had been a member of Ziyara Temple for eighteen years, and for ten years or more had been Potentate. The expenditures made were for the benefit of the temple and the temple had approved of them. One item was the pay of four female singers, who were introduced during a part of the ceremonial work. They were properly clad, were escorted in and out of the temple under proper auspices, and while they were in the temple it was illuminated only by a single spot light, which shone upon them only, it being impossible to see anyone else in the room.

As to the charges relating to this vaudeville innovation in the first section of the ceremonial work, the committee found the proof conflicting and uncertain, and acquitted Noble Boyle of the charges, but in so doing expressly stated that it did not intend in any way to sanction any innovations of that character, or any interpolation in the ceremonial work.

As stated, the charges were preferred against Noble Boyle while the Potentate was touring in the Orient. Ziyara Temple, also during his absence, adopted a resolution declaring its belief that the charges were unfounded and made for motives of personal malice. It was therefore resolved by Ziyara Temple that a committee be appointed to defend the charges, and the sum of five hundred dollars was appropriated from the funds of the temple to pay the expenses thereof.

THIRTY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

Although it had been decided to hold the thirty-second annual session of the Imperial Council at Los Angeles, Cal., during the month of June, 1906, the earthquake and resultant fire in San Francisco, in the early spring of that year, had so disrupted the business conditions on the Pacific Coast that it was determined by the Imperial Potentate Henry A. Collins, to change the place of meeting to Chicago. Accordingly, the Imperial Council assembled in Medinah Temple, in Chicago, June 12.

Imperial Potentate Collins said in his annual address:

"When the dreadful news was flashed around the civilized world that San Francisco the beautiful had been almost entirely obliterated, and that want, suffering, and misery predominated, the question arose in my mind — what about the meeting of the Imperial Council? I telegraphed to my divan that I was in favor of postponing the meeting at Los Angeles and sending $25,000 of our funds for the relief of the distressed Nobles of Islam Temple. This met with a ready response, I being deluged with telegrams as to the course we should take, and having to make up my mind in a very short time, I thought it best and in the interests of the Nobility at large to postpone the meeting at Lost Angeles. . . . You can imagine my surprise when almost immediately I received a telegram saying that the meeting would go on just the same, irrespective of the awful calamity which had befallen San Francisco."

The Imperial Potentate went on to say that in spite of the wishes of the Nobles of Los Angeles, he felt that the Order would be open to the charge of heartlessness and want of proper consideration for the suffering and distressed, and for these reasons he felt it his duty to call off the meeting at Los Angeles.

"This course," continued the Imperial Potentate, "was not acceptable to the Nobles of Malaikah Temple, and by every means in their power they endeavored to get me to change my views and to go on with the meeting. This I would not do, even if I had to stand alone. I thought the time had come when we should demonstrate to the world that we were an organization of men possessing sympathetic hearts.

"I telegraphed to the Imperial Treasurer to send the sum of $25,000 to Past Imperial Potentate Field, fully realizing the fact in so doing that the man who gives quickly gives twice. Whether I had the authority or not to dispose of your funds it is for you to say. However, I did so, and I take the full responsibility for the same.

Correspondence with Noble Field will demonstrate to you how timely that assistance was, and I am delighted to state that many temples have come forward and have shown that they were in sympathy with the sufferings of the Nobles of Islam Temple. Such, in brief, are the reasons which impelled me to cancel the meeting which was to have been held in Los Angeles."

Dispensations were issued during the year for the establishment of Aad Temple, Duluth, Minn., and El Hasa Temple, Ashland, Ky. A charter for Bektash Temple was authorized by the last Imperial Council, and the charter finally issued bears date of January 25, 1905, at which time the Temple was instituted by the Imperial Potentate.

Official visitations by the Imperial Potentate during his year of office were to Aad Temple, Duluth, Minn.; Aladdin Temple, Columbus, Ohio; Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio; Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.; Antioch Temple, Dayton, Ohio; Bektash Temple, Concord, N. H.; Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md.; Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y.; El Jebel Temple, Denver, Col.; El Zagal Temple, Fargo, N. Dak.; Irem Temple, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y.; Khartum Temple, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mecca Temple, New York, N. Y.; Media Temple, Watertown, N. Y.; Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.; Melha Temple, Springfield, Mass.; Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo.; Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.; Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.; Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minn.; Palestine Temple, Providence, R. I.; Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.; Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa.; Rameses Temple, Toronto, Canada; Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa.; Tebala Temple, Rockford, Ill.; Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, Pa.; Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pa.; and Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y.

A total of 98 temples was reported by Imperial Recorder Rowell, with 351 members of the Imperial Council. The membership, January 1, 1906, was 102,791, the net increase in the membership for the eight months' term being 5,993. The change had been made effective, this year, of keeping the records for the calendar year instead of having the year terminate May 1, as had been the custom for some years past.

The report of the Imperial Treasurer showed his receipts for the eight months to have been $35,230.17. Disbursements by warrants aggregated $28,770.28, and the balance on hand February 1, 1906, was $87,997.62.

Dispensations were granted by the Imperial Council for the establishment of Kalif Temple, Sheridan, Wyo., and Elf Khurafeh Temple, Saginaw, Mich. Charters were granted to El Hasa Temple, Ashland, Ky., and Aad Temple, Duluth, Minn. Petitions for dispensation were denied Roanoke, Va.; Yankton, S. Dak.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Quincy, Ill., and Grafton, W. Va.

The election of officers was held with the following result:

Alvah P. Clayton, Imperial Potentate, St. Joseph, Mo.

Frank C. Roundy, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Chicago, Ill.

Edwin I. Alderman, Imperial Chief Rabban, Marion, Iowa.

George L. Street, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Richmond, Va.

Fred A. Hines, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Los Angeles, Cal.

J. Frank Treat, Imperial Oriental Guide, Fargo, N. Dak.

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Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

William J. Cunningham, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Baltimore, Md.

William W. Irwin, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Wheeling, W. Va.

Jacob T. Barron, Imperial Marshal, Columbia, S. C.

Frederick R. Smith, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Rochester, N. Y.

J. Putnam Stevens, Imperial Outer Guard, Portland, Me.

A petition for the formation of a temple to be known as Bedouin Temple, at Allegheny, Pa., was received, but the petition was denied because the opinion of the committee was that the existence of two temples in Greater Pittsburg would establish a bad precedent.

The Committee on Finances reported the payment of $25,000 for the relief of distressed Nobles in San Francisco, and this report was accepted by the Supreme Council.

Noble George Harold Walker, representative of Almas Temple, and Noble Edward Barrett Hay, also a representative of Almas Temple, were both called to enter the Unseen Temple during the year.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

The Imperial Council assembled at Los Angeles, Cal., for the thirty-third annual session on May 7 and 8, 1907. The sessions of the Imperial Council were held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, while headquarters were established at Hotel Alexandria. The attendance was large, and the hospitality of the citizens of Los Angeles was unbounded.

Besides the $25,000 appropriated by the Imperial Council for the relief of the suffering in San Francisco, the returns from the several temples showed an additional amount of $17,168.39, while during the year since the earthquake the temples had raised in addition to the above $21,704.26. The total amount of the original San Francisco relief fund was $42,168.39, and Past Imperial Potentate Field reported a balance of $20,803.30.

The Imperial Potentate reported official visits to Naja Temple, Deadwood, S. Dak.; Algeria Temple, Helena, Mont.; El Zagal Temple, Fargo, N. Dak.; Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.; Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minn.; El Riad Temple, Sioux Falls, Iowa; Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Des Moines, Iowa; Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.; Abou Ben Adhem Temple, Springfield, Mo.; Isis Temple, Salina, Kan.; Al Chymia Temple, Memphis, Tenn.; Abdallah Temple, Leavenworth, Kan.; India Temple, Oklahoma, Okla.; Sahara Temple, Hot Springs, Ark.; El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa; Kosair Temple, Louisville, Ky.; Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio; Aladdin Temple, Columbus, Ohio; Osiris Temple, Wheeling, W. Va.; Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa.; Salaam Temple, Newark, N. J.; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.; Melha Temple, Springfield, Mass.; Oriental Temple, Troy, N. Y.; Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md.; Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.; and Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.

TEMPLE INSTITUTED IN MEXICO

It had taken years of persistent effort on the part of the Nobles resident in the Mexican Republic to obtain a temple in the city of Mexico, and during the year 1906 they applied again. An application for a temple to be known as Anezeh Temple was received from Noble Charles R. Pullen and others by the Imperial Potentate, and the dispensation was granted December 1, 1906.

To assure himself that he had made no mistake Imperial Potentate Alvah P. Clayton decided to convey the dispensation in person, but before giving it to make an inspection of the oasis of the city of Mexico and to satisfy himself that there existed there sufficient material to justify a successful temple.

He therefore extended invitations to a number of the officers of the Imperial Council to join him in a visit to the city of Mexico, and the departure was made from St. Joseph, Mo., January 15, 1907. At Kansas City the party was joined by Nobles and ladies from Ararat, Isis, Abdallah, and Abou Ben Adhem Temples.

At Little Rock, Ark., a Pullman sleeper with a delegation from Moolah and Al Chymia Temples was attached to the special train, making the number of pilgrims about two hundred and fifteen, eighty of whom were ladies. A few others joined the train en route through Texas.

At San Luis Potosi, Mex., a committee of Shriners who were to form part of the membership of the proposed new Temple, consisting of Charles R. Pullen, who had been selected as first Potentate; J. C. Finnegan, Past Grand Master of Missouri and now a resident of Mexico; W. L. Vail, and others, met the special train and escorted it to the city of Mexico, which was reached on January 19 at 8 P. M.

A large number of Shriners, residents of the city of Mexico, and others who had arrived by other trains for the occasion, gave the Imperial visitors a most cordial welcome and escorted the Imperial Potentate and others of the official party to their hotels in automobiles. In all a delegation of about seven hundred Shriners and ladies had assembled in the city of Mexico.

At 9 o'clock on Sunday morning President Diaz received all the Nobles and their ladies in a special audience at the National Palace, introductions being made by the American Ambassador, Noble David E. Thompson. The remainder of the day was spent in sight-seeing.

The institution of Anezeh Temple took place on Monday afternoon, January 21, at the American Academy. Dispensation being formally given, it was arranged to hold a ceremonial session that evening. Accordingly an official divan was formed from the members of the caravan, which represented about four hundred Nobles, and members from thirty-nine temples were in attendance.

The order was conferred upon a class of novices eighty in number, of whom seventy-seven were from Anezeh Temple, two from Moila Temple, and one from Jerusalem Temple, the Order being conferred upon the latter three by special request of the temples to which they had been elected to membership.

The traditional banquet was held at Luna Park, at which Dr. Charles R. Pullen presided as toastmaster, and among those who responded were Past Imperial Potentate Lou B. Winsor, Imperial High Priest and Prophet Fred A. Hines, Imperial Potentate Alvah P. Clayton, Nobles Fred E. Turner and George W. Millar.

One of the novices who received the Order of Nobility at the hands of the Imperial Potentate was Gen. Don Porfirio Diaz, President of the Mexican Republic, and two others of the noted class were Lic. Ignacio Mariscal, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and General Alfonso Flores, of the army.

The return of the caravan was made by way of Saltillo and Monterey, stopping after crossing the Rio Grande at San Antonio, Tex., and Hot Springs, Ark. The official journey terminated at St. Louis.

PRESENTATION TO ADMIRAL SCHLEY

An official visit was made by the Imperial Potentate to Irem Temple at Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 20, 1907, this occasion also being in the form of a reception to Noble and Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, United States Navy. The degree of Nobility was conferred upon a class of sixty-nine novices, following which a reception was tendered the Imperial Potentate and Noble Schley. The latter responded to the topic "Forty-five Years Under the Flag." Upon the conclusion of Noble Schley's remarks, the Imperial Potentate, at the request of some of the Nobles of Irem Temple, presented Noble Schley with their compliments, and as a token of their friendship a magnificent Masonic emblem in the nature of a watch fob, wherein was found his Masonic record complete.

Among the recommendations of the Imperial Potentate were, that action should be taken prohibiting the use of Shrine emblems for advertising purposes and prohibiting the use of the name "Mystic Shrine" except for the benefit of the local Nobles. This had reference particularly to the Visiting Shriners' Club, which was formed at Los Angeles for the present session of the Imperial Council, and a programme was issued in which advertisements appeared. The Imperial Potentate did not believe that the name or emblem of the Shrine should be used for such purposes.

Imperial Potentate Clayton also recommended a change in the form of application for receiving the Order.

Imperial Recorder Rowell reported 104 temples and 364 members of the Imperial Council, with a total membership of Nobles, December 31, 1906, of 113,274, an increase during the year of 10,487.

The receipts of the year aggregated $49,394.00. Expenditures by warrants were $60,813.98. The balance on hand, April 1, 1907, was $79,312.24.

Noble Frank H. Adams, 33°, Past Potentate of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., died at Washington, April 1, 1907, aged fifty-one years. His name was officially recorded by the Imperial Council as having entered the Unseen Temple.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Frank C. Roundy, Imperial Potentate, Chicago, Ill.

Edwin I. Alderman, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Marion, Iowa.

George L. Street, Imperial Chief Rabban, Richmond, Va.

Fred A. Hines, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Los Angeles, Cal.

J. Frank Treat, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Fargo, N. Dak.

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Jacob T. Barron, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Columbia, S. C.

Frederick R. Smith, Imperial Marshal, Rochester, N. Y.

J. Putnam Stevens, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Portland, Maine.

Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr., Imperial Outer Guard, St. Louis, Mo.

Dispensations were granted by the Imperial Council for the establishment of El Maida Temple, El Paso, Tex.; Calam Temple, Lewiston, Idaho, and Abu Bekr Temple, Sioux City, Iowa.

Dispensations were refused for the establishment of temples at Calgary, Alberta, Can.; Roanoke, Va.; London, Ontario; Pittsburg, Kan.; Quincy, Ill., and Cœur d'Alene, Idaho.

Charters were granted to Kerak Temple, Reno, Nev.; Elf Khurafeh Temple, Saginaw, Mich.; Omar Temple, Charleston, S. C., and Anezeh Temple, in the city of Mexico.

The Greetings of the Imperial Council were sent to President Diaz through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Mexican Republic.

Four members of the Imperial Council were killed in a railroad wreck at Honda, Cal., May 11, 1907, just after the thirty-third session of the Imperial Council. They were:

Noble Louis Ellanbogen, representative to the Imperial Council; Noble Charles L. Henry, representative to the Imperial Council; Noble J. Douglas Hippler, representative to the Imperial Council, and Potentate of Rajah Temple; and Noble John W. Cutler, representative to the Imperial Council. The wreck was due to the derailment of a special train.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

St. Paul, Minn., July 14, 1908, was the time and place for the assembling of the thirty-fourth annual session of the Imperial Council, which was held in the Auditorium. Headquarters were established at Hotel Ryan. The attendance was large, with Arab patrols from many of the temples present.

There were elaborate ceremonies at the opening of the session, including music by the Minnesota State band and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the entire audience.

Illustrious Potentate E. B. Swigert, of Osman Temple, delivered the opening address, which was responded to by Imperial Potentate Frank C. Roundy. Governor John A. Johnston delivered the address on behalf of the State of Minnesota. Daniel W. Lawlor, Mayor of the City of St. Paul, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the city.

St. Paul was dressed in gala attire in honor of the visit of the Imperial Council, and Osman Temple proved to be a most generous host.

Imperial Potentate Roundy reported visits of an official nature to Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.; Palestine Temple, Providence, R. I.; Sphinx Temple, Hartford, Conn.; Melha Temple, Springfield, Mass.; Aleppo Temple, Boston, Mass.; Abu Bekr Temple, Sioux City, Iowa; Moslem Temple, Detroit, Mich.; Tripoli Temple, Milwaukee, Wis.; Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Mo.; Abou Ben Adhem Temple, Springfield, Mo.; Kosair Temple, Louisville, Ky.; Moolah Temple, Indianapolis, Ind.; Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minn.; Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.; El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa; Antioch Temple, Dayton, Ohio; Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio; Zenobia Temple, Toledo, Ohio; Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, Pa.; Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y.; Irem Temple, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.; Salaam Temple, Newark, N. J.; Saladin Temple, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio; Al Chymia Temple, Memphis, Tenn.; Zamora Temple, Birmingham, Ala.; Abba Temple, Mobile, Ala.; Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans, La.; Hamasa Temple, Meridian, Miss.; Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, Ga.; Omar Temple, Charleston, S. C.; Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla.; Alhambra Temple, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mohammed Temple, Peoria, Ill., and Tebala Temple, Rockford, Ill.

Forty-three decisions were rendered by Imperial Potentate Roundy during his term of office. He recommended the adoption of an amendment to the By-laws making the minimum fee $50; also an amendment allowing at least the traveling expenses of the Imperial Potentate or his representatives. He also recommended that the visiting card should be of uniform style and color.

The question of hotel rates had lately become very serious, owing to the tendency to increase the prices, and consequently Imperial Potentate Roundy earnestly recommended that a committee be appointed to look after proper accommodations for the Imperial Council at the proper rates, etc. This was done.

Since the last annual session dispensations had been granted for the establishment of Al Azhar Temple, at Calgary, Alberta; Mocha Temple, London, Ontario; and Oleika Temple, Lexington, Ky.

The report of the Imperial Recorder showed 110 temples and 385 representatives to the Imperial Council, with 127,332 members of the Order. Warrants drawn by Imperial Treasurer Brown amounted to $68,569.25. Receipts were $60,601.50. The balance on hand was $73,823.16. Charities at Christmas time by the several temples amounted to $34,534.10.

The question was brought up of making the Arab Patrol flag of Saladin Temple at Grand Rapids Mich., the official flag or banner of the Shrine. This was put to a vote of the Imperial Council and defeated.

The Imperial Potentate referred to the differences existing between the several temples in the State of Iowa, and the matter was brought before the Imperial Council, through the report of a committee, that the differences had been wiped out, and the offending temple had agreed to pay over to the temples a portion of whose territory had been sought, the sum of $2000, and an amicable division of the State among the three temples was at last arranged.

Charters were granted the following temples: Oleika Temple, Lexington, Ky.; Abu Bekr Temple, Sioux City, Iowa; Kora Temple, Lewiston, Maine; Mocha Temple, London, Ontario; and Al Azhar Temple, Calgary, Alberta.

Dispensations were granted for the establishment of Nile Temple, Seattle, Wash.; and temples at Ashland, Ore., and Madisonville, Ky.

The Imperial Council refused dispensations for the establishment of temples at Norfolk, Va.; Quincy, Ill.; Decatur, Ill.; Dawson, Yukon Territory; Macon, Ga.; Wichita, Kan.; Pittsburg, Kan.; Shreveport, La.; Nashville, Tenn., and Terra Haute, Ind.

An amendment to the By-laws was adopted, increasing the minimum fee from $25 to $50, as recommended by the Imperial Potentate.

An invitation was received from Kosair Temple, of Louisville, Ky., to hold the next annual session at Falls City, and this invitation was accepted.

The following officers were elected, to serve during the ensuing term:

Edwin I. Alderman, Imperial Potentate, Marion, Iowa.

George L. Street, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Richmond, Va.

Fred A. Hines, Imperial Chief Rabban, Los Angeles, Cal.

J. Frank Treat, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Fargo, N. Dak.

William J. Cunningham, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Baltimore, Md.

William W. Irwin, Imperial Oriental Guide, Wheeling W. Va.

William S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

Jacob T. Barron, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Columbia, S. C.

Frederick R. Smith, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Rochester, N. Y.

J. Putnam Stevens, Imperial Marshal, Portland, Maine.

Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr., Imperial Captain of the Guard, St. Louis, Mo.

Charles E. Ovenshire, Imperial Outer Guard, Minneapolis, Minn.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

The thirty-fifth session of the Imperial Council was held at Louisville, Ky., beginning June 8, 1909, under the most auspicious circumstances. The city was elaborately decorated, much money having been spent in this manner. The attendance was very large indeed. About fifteen thousand Nobles were in line during the parade. The programme was arranged to cover the greater part of the week. The sessions of the Imperial Council were held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, and the public sessions in the First Regiment Armory. Potentate George D. Young, of Kosair Temple, called the assembly to order and introduced Gov. A. E. Willson. Governor Willson delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the State of Kentucky. He was followed by the Hon. James F. Grinstead, Mayor of the city of Louisville. Postmaster and Noble Robert E. Woods delivered an address on behalf of Kosair Temple.

Imperial Potentate Edwin I. Alderman reported a net gain in the membership of the Order during the year of 10,619, also a balance on hand of cash in banks to the credit of the Imperial Council, May 1, 1909, of $87,644.15.

The official visitations of Imperial Potentate Alderman included Abu Bekr Temple, Sioux City, Iowa; Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Des Moines, Iowa; El Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Murat Temple, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.; Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Md.; Almas Temple, Washington, D. C.; Syria Temple, Pittsburg, Pa.; Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.; Melha Temple, Springfield, Mass.; Kalurah Temple, Binghamton, N. Y.; Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y.; Aad Temple, Duluth, Minn.; Ahmed Temple, St. Paul, Minn.; Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.; Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Neb.; Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo.; El Jebel Temple, Denver, Col.; El Kalah Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah; Al Kader Temple, Portland, Ore.; Niles Temple, Seattle, Wash.; Hillah Temple, Ashland, Ore.; Islam Temple, San Francisco, Cal.; Alhambra Temple, Los Angeles, Cal.; El Maida Temple, El Paso, Texas; Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans, La., and Abba Temple, Mobile, Ala.

Imperial Recorder Rowell reported 115 temples, with a total of 137,046 members. The receipts from temples during the year aggregated $55,734.48. The amount paid out by Imperial Treasurer Brown on warrants was $44,442.81.

The Imperial Council appropriated $500 for the purchase of a suitable jewel for Imperial Recorder Rowell in token of his long and faithful service.

Noble John M. Powell, of Sahara Temple, was elected an Emeritus member on motion of Past Imperial Potentate George H. Green.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws reported on the jurisdiction of Karnak Temple, Montreal, Quebec, giving it concurrent jurisdiction with Rameses Temple in the eastern half of the province of Ontario because of the nearness of that part of the province to Montreal. This addition to the jurisdiction of Karnak Temple was made by petition, and at the request of many eligible persons in eastern Ontario who preferred to affiliate with Karnak Temple, as they could meet with it more readily. The Imperial Council approved the report of the committee.

Charters were granted to the following temples: Nile Temple, Seattle, Wash.; Hillah Temple, Ashland, Ore.; Rizpah Temple, Madisonville, Ky., and El Maida Temple, El Paso, Texas.

Dispensations were granted for the establishment of Zorah Temple, Terre Haute, Ind.; Mirza Temple, Pittsburg, Kan.; Kem Temple, Grand Forks, N. Dak., and Midian Temple, Wichita, Kan. Dispensations were continued in the cases of Orak Temple, Hammond, Ind.; Mizpah Temple, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Hadi Temple, Evansville, Ind., and Khedive Temple, Norfolk, Va.

The Imperial Council acted adversely in the matter of a petition for the establishment of Al Siah Temple, Macon, Ga., and also was unfavorable to petitions for temples at Oak Park, Ill.; Newburg, N. Y., and Nashville, Tenn.

New Orleans was selected as the place for holding the thirty-sixth annual session, and the date was fixed for April 12, 1910. The newly elected official divan for 1909-10 was installed as follows:

George L. Street, Imperial Potentate, Richmond, Va.

Fred A. Hines, Deputy Imperial Potentate, Los Angeles, Cal.

J. Frank Treat, Imperial Chief Rabban, Fargo, N. Dak.

William J. Cunningham, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Baltimore, Md.

William W. Irwin, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Wheeling, W. Va.

Jacob T. Barron, Imperial Oriental Guide, Columbia, S. C.

William S. Brown, Imperial Treasurer, Pittsburg, Pa.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston, Mass.

Frederick R. Smith, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Rochester, N. Y.

J. Putnam Stevens, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Portland, Maine.

Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr., Imperial Marshal, St. Louis, Mo.

Charles E. Ovenshire, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Minneapolis, Minn.

Ellis J. Jacoby, Imperial Outer Guard, Indianapolis, Ind.

Zem Zem Temple, of Erie, Pa., was severely disciplined during the year 1909 for invasion of territory. The Imperial Council ordered the charter of the Temple suspended from June 15 to December 1, and also directed Zem Zem Temple to pay Syria Temple, of Pittsburg, the sum of $1650. It was also ordered by the Imperial Council that Noble R. T. Brown, of Elwood City, Pa.; Noble H. S. Blatt, of Elwood City, Pa.; Noble Andrew G. Murphy, of Newcastle, Pa.; Noble J. L. Dennison of Jamestown, Mercer County, Pa.; Noble Albert L. Thayer, of Newcastle, Pa., and Noble E. L. Smith, of Newcastle, Pa., all members of Zem Zem Temple, to be suspended from all rights and privileges of the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for the term of one year, beginning June 10, 1909; and it was further ordered that the fore-

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going action of the Imperial Council he published in the notices to members of all subordinate temples, and the Potentates of temples were notified to see that the order was complied with.

Zem Zem Temple keenly felt the disgrace inflicted by the Imperial Council, and has fully purged itself, its charter having now been restored. However, the Nobles mentioned are still suspended from the Order. Zem Zem's offense lay in receiving as Nobles men who resided within the jurisdiction of Syria Temple. All the fees paid by the ineligible members were handed over to Syria Temple, in which jurisdiction the candidates resided.

Imperial Recorder Rowell will report at the thirty-sixth annual session of the Imperial Council, to be held at New Orleans, April 12 and 13, 1910, that the membership of the Order is 149,151. There are 121 temples, eight of them being under dispensation, and charters will be asked at the New Orleans session. The temples under dispensation are: Hadi Temple, Evansville, Ind.; Kem Temple, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Khedive Temple, Norfolk, Va.; Midian Temple, Wichita, Kan.; Mirza Temple, Pittsburg, Kan.; Mizpah Temple, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Orak Temple, Hammond, Ind., and Zorah Temple, Terre Haute, Ind.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

New Orleans had the honor of entertaining the thirty-sixth annual session of the Imperial Council, and Jerusalem Temple proved a most hospitable host. The sessions were held April 12 and 13, 1910, and headquarters of the Imperial Council were at the St. Charles Hotel.

Noble Gus Levy, Illustrious Potentate of Jerusalem Temple, called the public session to order in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, introducing the Rev. Dr. Byron Holly, rector of St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church, after whose invocation, Jared Y. Sanders, Governor of Louisiana, welcomed the Imperial Council on behalf of the State. Martin Behrman, Mayor of New Orleans, also made an address of welcome and was followed by Charles F. Buck, Past Potentate of Jerusalem Temple, who welcomed the visitors in behalf of the Shrines of Louisiana. The slogan was "Glad-U-Kum," and it was emphasized not only by the orators, but by the Shriners and the residents of the Crescent City generally.

Responses to the welcoming addresses were made by George L. Street, Imperial Potentate, and by Lou B. Winsor, Past Imperial Potentate.

The public opening ended, the Imperial Council at once went into executive session, and Imperial Potentate Street plunged into his important annual address. The condition of his health had prevented him from making official visits to the temples of the Order, the only official visitation being to Almas Temple, in Washington, October 29, 1909. It devolved upon the Deputy Imperial Potentate, W. J. Cunningham, to make most of the important visitations, and notable among these were two visits to Kismet Temple, in Brooklyn. The first was August 27, 1909, upon the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the mosque of Kismet Temple, and the second, March 30, 1910, when the magnificent structure was dedicated.

Important edicts were issued by Imperial Potentate Street during the year, and perhaps the most important of these was one against female organizations in the Order. The "Ladies' Oriental Shrine, Temple No. 1, Oasis of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, Pa.," sought the official recognition of the Imperial Council. Under date of October 27, 1909, the Imperial Potentate wrote as follows:

"This organization circulated petitions for initiations and membership in which the petitioner declares she is the wife, daughter, mother or sister of a member of a temple of the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and that she prays she may be made 'a Lady of the Mystic Shrine' and a member of the temple.

"Believing that the edict of the Imperial Council that unauthorized organizations of any kind using the emblems of the Order, of its title, or titles, and purporting to be an organization, shall not be organized within the jurisdiction of a temple, except with the official sanction of said temple, is intended to cover organizations of women as well as of men, and inasmuch as the Imperial Council and the Imperial Potentate have not been consulted in regard to this proposed organization of women, and no authority has been granted for any such organization, I issue this as my official edict, cautioning temples of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine against giving any encouragement or support to any organization of women or men purporting to be an Oriental Shrine, composed of the female members of the families of Nobles of our Order, and members of our temples, and I hereby forbid any temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, its officers or members, recognizing any such organization of women."

It appeared that women had applied to temples for the purchase of old regalia and paraphernalia, as well as to rent quarters in the temple's household.

The whole subject of women and the Order was covered by the Imperial Potentate during his term of office, and many mooted points were settled by him, subject to the approval of the Imperial Council. Several temples of the Order had organized ladies' Arab patrols, and at the last session of the Imperial Council in Louisville several such appeared and gave public drills, which were highly interesting. The matter officially came to the attention of the Imperial Potentate, February 21, 1910, when he was asked to make a decision on the following question:

"Can a temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine organize a uniformed female patrol and allow the same to appear in the temple at a ceremonial session or to appear in public for parade or drill under the auspices of the temple and by its authority?"

The Imperial Potentate rendered the following decision:

"No temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine can organize a female patrol or any uniformed body of women and introduce the same into the temple at a ceremonial session, or permit such organization to parade, drill or appear in public under the auspices of the temple or by its authority."

Supplementing this decision the Imperial Potentate wrote:

"My attention has been called to the fact that at the last session of the Imperial Council, held in Louisville, Ky., certain temples and Nobles introduced women in the annual parade of the Nobility. Believing that this innovation is neither a proper nor desirable feature in parades of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, I have ordered that the committee of officers in charge of the parade at New Orleans shall see that no one is permitted to appear in the parade of the temples but members of the Order, uniformed bands and male servants accompanying the temples.

"Each potentate receiving this decision and order will cause it to be read at the first session of his temple after its receipt, and shall see that this decision and order is obeyed and complied with.

"Calling to mind the many females appearing in the Shrine parade in 1909, at Louisville, a surprise and a new departure that was criticized by many, and being also asked the question as above stated, as well as having anticipated some similar trouble at this session, I had previously instructed the committee in charge at New Orleans, relative to not allowing any temple to include or allow uniformed bodies of females to participate. I therefore deemed it also advisable to notify the Nobility, through the potentates of all the temples, of my official decision in this matter.

"I now refer my decision to the Imperial Council for its consideration."

There had also been received by the Imperial Potentate several inquiries from temples concerning the "Daughters of Isis." To these the Imperial Potentate replied along the lines of his decision above quoted.

An edict was also issued against lending the Shrine to indiscriminate advertising, such as: "Shrine Excursions," trips abroad, etc. The Imperial Potentate forbade recorders or potentates furnishing lists of membership to any person for the purpose of having the members of the Order circularized. In issuing this edict the Imperial Potentate only followed the rule that obtains in many Grand Masonic bodies. In some cases the promoters of excursions had proffered free trips to individuals high in the Order, and he was forced to the conclusion that too much commercialism would in time be detrimental to the Order.

The Imperial Potentate included in the call for the New Orleans Session a standing resolution adopted at the Louisville Session prohibiting the custom of distributing souvenirs and dispensing intoxicating liquors in temple headquarters. He had been asked more clearly to define the intent of the Imperial Council in such legislation, and said:

"Some rowdyism and some violation of social edicts have been unwittingly tolerated and made light of in the past, and have called a deserved rebuke from the Imperial Council. Any courtesies shown in temple headquarters should be limited to Nobles of the Order and ladies accompanying them. Men and boys who are in no way connected with the Order should be barred from headquarters if possible. The exchange of temple badges is permissible; the indiscriminate distribution of all kinds of souvenirs in large quantities to every one who calls at headquarters, or to or among representatives while the sessions of the Imperial Council are being held, is to be 'discouraged,' and the dispensing of 'intoxicating liquors' by temples and in temple headquarters during the Imperial Council meeting is 'prohibited.'

"Seventeen years ago an Imperial Potentate closed his address with these words:

" 'Let us inscribe over the doors of our temples, so that all may read, this inscription:

> PLEASURE WITHOUT INTEMPERANCE, HOSPITALITY WITHOUT RUDENESS, AND JOLLITY WITHOUT COARSENESS, SHOULD HERE PREVAIL AMONGST ALL OF THE TRUE FAITH.
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> THERE IS A LIMIT TO ENJOYMENT, THOUGH THE SOURCES OF WEALTH BE BOUNDLESS, AND THE CHOICEST PLEASURES OF LIFE LIE WITHIN THE RING OF MODERATION.

"I commend them to the Nobles for study and reflection."

The report submitted by the Imperial Potentate showed the membership to be 149,146, a net gain for the year of 11,021. There were created 14,092 Nobles, and the total by affiliation, restoration, etc., reached 16,421. Losses by death were 1,625, by expulsion eighteen, and losses by dimit, suspension, etc., brought the total to 5,404. The financial statement showed a balance of $107,416.31 in the hands of the Imperial Treasurer, an increase of $19,772.16 over the previous year.

NEW TEMPLES OF THE ORDER

The following new temples were constituted under charter:

Nile, Seattle, Wash.,
Hillah, Ashland, Ore.,
Rizpah, Madisonville, Ky.,
El Maida, El Paso, Tex.

The following were established by dispensation:

Midian Temple, Wichita, Kan.,
Khedive, Norfolk, Va.,
Zarah, Terre Haute, Ind.,
Mirza Temple, Pittsburg, Kan.,
Kem, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Among the decisions of the Imperial Potentate bearing on new points, were these:

Nile Temple, Seattle:—Qualifications for residence of army and navy officers shall be the same as any other person. Waivure of jurisdiction by the temple in whose limits they reside is required.

Alhambra Temple, Chattanooga:—No temple can rule that applicants shall be *both* Thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Masons and Knights Templar.

Hamasa Temple, Meridian, Miss.:—Action of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, in forfeiting the charter of a commandery at Macon, does not affect individuals. They are still Knights Templar at large.

Acca Temple, Richmond, Va.:—Arab patrols are part of the working corps of the temples, and under the control of the potentate. They can have no separate existence as a body.

Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, two-thirds of the members of the band of which are not members of the Order: "I do not believe anyone not a Shriner should be allowed to wear a fez in a Shrine parade and to be represented to the Shriners, especially at the Imperial Council, as members of the Order."

Dispensation asked for Azhur Temple of Halifax, was declined on the ground that it would weaken Luxor Temple of St. John, N. B., which had but 525 members.

The statistical report of Imperial Recorder Rowell showed a total of 431 representatives to the Imperial Council, three *emeriti* members, 15 *ad vitam* members, six with rights and privileges, and 407 active members representing the several temples. There were 113 chartered temples and eight under dispensation, and all made reports. Mizpah, Fort Wayne; Orak, Hammond, Ind., and Zarah, Terre Haute, Ind., were all reported by Recorder Rowell as having been constituted.

CHARGES AGAINST A REPRESENTATIVE

Noble William B. Melish, chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported the preferring of charges against Frank O. Evans, a representative and member of the Imperial Council, and Past Potentate of Za-Ga-Zig Temple of Des Moines, Iowa. The charges were of "conduct unbecoming a member," in that he failed to present the by-laws of his temple to the Imperial Council for approval; appointed instead of electing a successor to a representative to the Imperial Council who had resigned, and entered into a private agreement with candidates for the Nobility, whereby in consideration of their paying a fee of $50 they were to be exempt from dues for a period of ten years. The law of the Imperial Council requires that the minimum fee shall be $50.

Noble Evans appeared in person before the committee, as did Noble John C. Petty, Illustrious Potentate of Za-Ga-Zig Temple, with the books and records, and Representatives A. M. Hough, George W. Kemp, and Ernest K. Maine. The committee, after hearing all the evidence in the case, found Noble Evans guilty on all three charges, and recommended his suspension until December 31, 1911. After a warm fight on the floor of the Imperial Council, the report of the committee was amended to carry a reprimand instead of suspension, and was then adopted.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

The roll call of the temples showed all to be represented except Gizeh Temple, Victoria, B. C. Dispensations were asked for the following temples:

Al Sihah, Macon, Ga.,
Bedouin, Allegheny, Pa.,
Azhar, Halifax, N. S.
Aahmes, Oakland, Cal.,
Khalifa, Regina, Saskatchewan,
Wahabi, Jackson, Miss.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, dispensation was granted Al Sihah Temple. The committee favored a dispensation for Wahabi Temple, but upon a reconsideration of the vote, the matter went over until the next session of the Imperial Council. The committee recommended that the dispensation asked for Aahmes Temple be denied, but the Imperial Council amended the recommendation and granted the dispensation. The Imperial Council concurred in the recommendation that dispensations be denied Azhar, Kahlifa, and Bedouin Temples. In the latter case, no one appeared in behalf of the petition.

Charters were asked for the following temples under dispensation:

Kem Temple, Grand Forks, N. Dak.,
Khedive Temple, Norfolk, Va.,
Midian Temple, Wichita, Kan.
Mirza Temple, Pittsburg, Kan.,
Mizpah Temple, Fort Wayne, Ind.,
Hadi Temple, Evansville, Ind.,
Orak Temple, Hammond, Ind.,
Zorah Temple, Terre Haute, Ind.

These charters were all granted by the vote of the Imperial Council, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

DIVAN FOR 1910-1911

The election of officers for the year 1910-1911 resulted as follows:

Imperial Potentate, Fred A. Hines, Los Angeles, Cal.,
Deputy Imperial Potentate, John F. Treat, Fargo, N. Dak.
Imperial Chief Rabban, William J. Cunningham, Baltimore, Md.,
Imperial Assistant Rabban, William W. Irwin, Wheeling, W. Va.,
Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, S. C.,
Imperial Oriental Guide, Frederick R. Smith, Rochester, N. Y.,
Imperial Treasurer, William S. Brown, Pittsburg, Pa.,
Imperial Recorder, Benjamin W. Rowell, Boston, Mass.,
Imperial First Ceremonial Master, J. Putnam Stevens, Portland, Me.,
Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.,
Imperial Marshal, Charles E. Ovenshire, Minneapolis, Minn.,
Imperial Captain of the Guard, Elias J. Jacoby, Indianapolis, Ind.,
Imperial Outer Guard, W. Freeland Kendrick, Philadelphia, Pa.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Several amendments to the constitution and by-laws were made, notably along the lines of decisions made by the Imperial Potentate during the year. On the subject of female organizations in the Order, Section 6, of Article II., was amended by the addition of the following:

> "No temple shall organize or recognize in any way any body of women, or men and women, calling itself an 'Oriental Shrine,' or purporting to be an Oriental order, and to be composed of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and female relatives of such and making such relationship the requisite for membership in such body."

The using of the names of the members of the Order for commercial purposes was interdicted by the substitution of the following for Article XV., of the by-laws:

ARTICLE XV

IMPROPER CIRCULARS PUBLICATIONS AND PRACTICES

"The Imperial Council emphatically condemns all immoral and vulgar practices or allusions to the initiation of candidates, or in the printed notices issued by temples to members of the Order.

The potentate, or presiding officer for the time being, of each temple, shall be held personally responsible for not immediately arresting any attempt at vulgarity or obscenity.

"No potentate or recorder of a temple shall furnish to anyone a list of names of members of his temple, for the purpose of having the members circularized, or solicited for business purposes; nor shall any temple issue appeals for aid to any Nobles not members of said temple, unless they bear the indorsement of the Imperial Potentate. No potentate or recorder shall issue with any official notice of the temple, or as a part thereof, any announcement or advertising matter of a purely business character which has not been authorized by vote of said temple, or which does not bear the indorsement of the Imperial Potentate.

"For any violation of this law, the Imperial Potentate may suspend the offending officer, or the work of the temple, until the next session of the Imperial Council."

Female patrols were interdicted by the adoption of the following, as an amendment to Article XVII.:

> "No temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine can organize a female patrol, or any uniformed body of women, and introduce the same into the temple at a ceremonial session, or permit such organization to parade, drill, or appear in public under the auspices of the temple, or by its authority."

The appearance of women in the parades of the Order was also prohibited by the adoption of the following amendment to Article XVII.:

> "In the annual parade of the temples of the Order, at meetings of the Imperial Council, or in parades given under the auspices of subordinate temples of the Order, no one shall be permitted to participate in the parade but members of the Order, uniformed bands and male servants accompanying temples."

The several new matters of law passed upon by the Imperial Potentate in his decision reviewed in his annual address, were all approved, and his decision regarding the prerequisite to membership in the Order, was made the subject of an amendment to Section 2 of Article XII., which now reads as follows:

> "A Noble can hold active membership in but one temple. In order to retain membership in a temple, a Noble must be in good standing in one or the other of the two prerequisite Masonic bodies, a commandery of the order of Knights Templar, or a consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and so long as he is in good standing in one or the other of these bodies, his membership in the temple is not affected by any action of the other prerequisite body in depriving him of membership in that body.
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> "Should a Noble become non-affiliated in the one prerequisite body, upon which his membership in the Shrine is based, by reason of his taking a dimit, he must make an effort to reaffiliate with a prerequisite body of the same rite within six months from the date of his withdrawal, otherwise he shall be deprived of his membership in his temple by reason of said voluntary non-affiliation. If the Noble makes an effort to affiliate during the six months' period of his non-affiliation with the prerequisite body and is rejected, then his non-affiliation is not voluntary, and his membership in his temple is not affected thereby. He must, however, make an effort to become affiliated during each six months' period of his non-affiliation with the prerequisite body.
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> "When a temple learns in an official manner that one of its members, by reason of his non-affiliation for six months or more, is not in good standing in at least one of the Masonic bodies, membership in which is a prerequisite to membership in the Shrine, then the temple shall notify the member so charged that he must appear in the temple or give evidence to the temple, at its first stated session thereafter, that the non-affiliation is not voluntary on his part. Should he fail to do this, then he shall be declared suspended from all his rights and benefits of membership in the temple, until he removes the cause of his suspension.
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> "No dimit can be granted to a Noble accused of violation of the laws of the Order, pending his trial. No temple can withhold a dimit from a Noble who is free from charges and indebtedness to the temple. A dimit is a certificate that the Noble named therein is in good standing and of good repute and recommended as such to other temples. A temple may issue a duplicate dimit to a Noble, but must satisfy itself that the Noble asking for it is still in good repute."

The recommendation of the Imperial Potentate in the matter of hospitality at temple headquarters during the sessions of the Imperial Council were made the subject of a new section of the by-laws of the Order as follows:

TEMPLE HEADQUARTERS AND HOSPITALITY AT IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

> "Temples of the Order may maintain headquarters during the Annual Sessions of the Imperial Council for the purpose of dispensing Shrine hospitality and good fellowship. The use of intoxicating liquors at such headquarters is prohibited. The use of temple badges as gifts or for exchange purposes is permitted. The indiscriminate distribution, in large quantities, of all kinds of souvenirs, to every one who calls at temple headquarters, should not be made. All courtesies shown in temple headquarters should be limited to Nobles of the Order and ladies accompanying them.
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> "No distribution of souvenirs or gifts of any kind shall be made by temples or representatives, to the members of the Imperial Council, or at the place of the meeting of the Imperial Council while that body is holding its session.
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> "Each potentate and each representative should see that no abuse of any kind is permitted in temple headquarters that tends to discredit the Shrine, or its avowed principles or objects."

An amendment was adopted to Section 5 of Article II., to prevent temples having concurrent jurisdiction from holding ceremonial sessions elsewhere than at the established oasis. This amendment grew out of the fact that one temple having concurrent jurisdiction traveled three hundred miles and held a ceremonial session within sixty miles of the temple with which it held concurrent jurisdiction. The section as amended now reads:

> "*Section* 5—Temples may open and confer the Order at any place within their jurisdiction, notice being given of such intent, and candidates having previously been elected; but no other business can be transacted at such sessions except the preliminaries toward conferring the Order, except where two or more temples hold concurrent jurisdiction, in which case all ceremonial sessions must be held at the city or town in which the temple is permanently located.
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> "A temple may hold a ceremonial session in States and territories where no temples exist, provided they obtain a special dispensation from the Imperial Potentate empowering them so to do."

Before adjourning, the Imperial Council, upon the motion of Past Potentate Lou B. Winsor, elected as *emeriti* members of the Imperial Council, the Imperial Treasurer, William R. Brown, and also George W. McCandless, Past Potentate of Syria Temple of Pittsburg, who has rendered valuable assistance to the Imperial Treasurer. After the installation of officers and the presentation of the regulation jewel of a past imperial potentate, to Noble George L. Street, the Imperial Council adjourned to meet in Rochester, N. Y., July 11, 1911.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Damascus Temple, of Rochester, was the host of the thirty-seventh annual session of the Imperial Council, which assembled in the Convention Hall at 10:45 A. M., July 11, 1911. The Nobility of Rochester and the citizens generally had made elaborate preparations for the coming of the caravans, and the city was a blaze of splendor by night and a riot of color by day.

Illustrious Potentate Esten A. Fletcher of Damascus Temple, welcomed the members of the Imperial Council, and was followed by Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. Lieutenant Governor Thomas F. Conway delivered an address of welcome, on behalf of the State, and the response was by the Imperial Potentate, Fred A. Hines.

The annual address of the Imperial Potentate like that of his immediate predecessor, was one of importance, for the growth of the Order is so rapid and the activities such that much work devolves upon the Imperial Potentate during his brief term of office. Noble Hines devoted himself almost exclusively to the work of the Order, and he had many recommendations to make. These he made forcibly, and without fear or favor, speaking right from the heart. He had made seventy-one visitations and had gone into the matter of the needs of the Order more closely than any other Imperial Potentate had found time to do. He had taken his task seriously and the recommendations he laid before the Imperial Council were the result of deep reflection and study.

The rapid growth of the Order and the increasing popularity of the sessions of the Imperial Council had made the question of proper accommodations at the convention city a serious one indeed.

> "At present," said the Imperial Potentate, "it is almost impossible for any city in North America to care for the Imperial Council and its following. It is useless to close our eyes to the situation—*something must be done.* We could district the jurisdiction on the plan of the Grand Commandery, and instead of observing State lines have the Eastern District, the Middle West District, the Western District, the Southern District and the Pacific Coast District, and have a Deputy Imperial Potentate preside over the destinies of each district, having each district hold its own annual session, as we do now, and at different times of the year, so that the Imperial Potentate, the Imperial Treasurer and the Imperial Recorder can attend each of them. In this way each district would have several cities that could take care of the gathering from its own district, Patrol and all, in a comfortable manner. Then have a business meeting every two or three years for the purpose of electing the Imperial Potentate and the balance of the officers. But I am inclined to think this would not meet the requirements, for the reason that I think the great interest is maintained by meeting each year those whom we learn to love from all parts of our great country.
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> "It has occurred to me as this condition exists, and as there is no reason for evading the situation, that I would recommend the appointment of a committee of three to investigate and report at our next annual session the feasibility of buying, say, five thousand acres of wooded land centrally located, for instance, in the Green Bay country, or on Lake Superior, on a line of railroad not too far from the main lines of travel, where there is good fishing, boating and hunting; have a drill ground cleared with plenty of reviewing stands, baseball grounds, croquet grounds, tennis courts, golf grounds, etc., etc. Build a convention hall with seating capacity of 750 and plenty of committee rooms (one story); a ball and banquet hall which can be divided, but in which, when all opened, several thousand could dance (one story); a hotel of adequate proportions; give to each Shrine ten acres—on condition that they continue to obey the laws of the Imperial Council—on which they could build their own headquarters, and probably vie with each other as to the beauty of their respective places; give to each Shriner on the same condition an acre of ground if he will build a $1,000 bungalow; have automobile drives through our property, and when we have good roads all over North America, five years from now, can you imagine how many will make the trip to Mecca in their machines each year? And, mind you, it is not to say three or four days only, but make it a place to go to at any and all times of the year. You can have a place where you can go any time and know you are with friends. Each temple would save enough in hotel bills, etc., in two years, to pay for their headquarters. Some localities might be glad to donate the land for such a purpose.
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> "Another point in its favor is that it would enable us to get away from the hoodlums that are in every city, who take advantage of the occasion to make all kinds of disgraceful disturbances, and for which we, as an organization, get the credit. Another proposition might be engaging for a week one of the large Chautauqua grounds, just before their summer season is opened.
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> "I therefore recommend the appointment of a committee of five to investigate and report at the next annual meeting of the body."

For the purpose of saving the time of the Imperial Council, the Imperial Potentate recommended the creation of a commission, appointed by the Imperial Potentate, to hear, try and determine offenses and violations of the by-laws, code, constitution, and rules and regulations of the Imperial Council, when ordered to do so by the Imperial Potentate. A similar law governing subordinate temples was also recommended.

IMITATIONS OF THE ORDER

Under the head of "Imitations" the Imperial Potentate had this to say:

> "I desire to call the attention of this body to a new organization calling themselves "The Order of Moose." I know nothing of their objects, but they have adopted as a part of their uniform, the "red fez" with the figure of a moose embroidered in gold on the front. We adopted the red fez because it was in keeping with our Oriental costume, and because it was a part of the insignia of the Oriental country from which we emanated. From the name of this new order I cannot see where the fez could be at all appropriate.

"Another incident happened in Chattanooga. I heard a band coming down the street, and on looking out of the window of my hotel I saw what seemed to be an Arab patrol in full Arabian costume and wearing fezes; when they came closer, I saw from the banner they carried that they were Elks.

"In both of these instances I am willing to believe that thoughtless advice prevailed, for I do not believe the organizers of such institutions as these, with the wisdom that should be at their heads, would be guilty of imitating our costumes or our uniforms.

"I, therefore, recommend that the Imperial Recorder be instructed by a resolution of this Imperial Council to communicate with both of these orders mentioned, through their proper officers, to the end that they desist from copying any part of our regalia.

"We certainly have enough troubles of our own without answering for other organizations through their being mistaken for members of the Shrine."

COMBINATION OF JEWELS FORBIDDEN

The Imperial Potentate called attention to a notice he had issued February 1, 1911, and asked that the matter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law, for a decision. The letter follows:

> "To all Potentates of Temples under the Jurisdiction of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., for North America:
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> "Illustrious Noble: Your attention is called to the law which forbids the combining the emblem of the Order of the Mystic Shrine with that of any other society.
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> "Many complaints have been made to your Imperial Potentate that this law is being violated, and you are hereby notified to have your membership informed of this law forbidding them to combine the emblem of the Mystic Shrine with that of any other order. You will also cause your members to be notified of the same in the notice for the next ceremonial session following the receipt of this order, and emphatically impress upon the minds of the Nobles of your temple that the practice of wearing the emblem or jewel of the Order combined with that of any other order is prohibited, and must cease."

Since the issuance of this order the Imperial Potentate received many letters inquiring if it applied to Masonic emblems combined with that of the Shrine. For that reason he asked that it be reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, which decided that it applied also to Masonic emblems, and its report was approved by the Imperial Council.

The Imperial Potentate also denounced the use of any emblem of the Order, such as the "star and crescent," the "fez" or a figure of a Noble wearing the "fez" for advertising purposes, and suggested that every member of the Order not only caution those using the same, but use the most stringent measures to disparage the practice.

Wa-Wa Temple was established by dispensation at Regina, Saskatchewan, and Bagdad Temple at Butte, Mont., while the following were instituted under charter:

Mirza Temple, Pittsburg, Kan.
Hadi Temple, Evansville, Ind.,
Mizpah Temple, Ft. Wayne, Ind.,
Orak Temple, Hammond Ind.,
Zorah Temple, Terre Haute, Ind.,
Khedive Temple, Norfolk, Va.,
Kem Temple, Grand Forks, N. Dak.,
Midian Temple, Wichita, Kan.

The death was reported by the Imperial Potentate, of Jacob T. Barron, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, which occurred in Kansas City, September 16, 1910. The deaths of Past Illustrious Potentate and Representative, Gus B. Lockwood, of Al Chymia Temple, Memphis, Tenn., March 17, 1911, and Illustrious Potentate and Representative William C. Astley, of Salaam Temple, Newark, N. J., May 8, 1911, were also reported.

RECORD NUMBER OF OFFICIAL VISITS

Perhaps the most important work of the term of Imperial Potentate Hines was his visitation to seventy-one temples, and these he reviewed in detail in his annual report. The dedication of the Mosque of Murat Temple, Indianapolis, May 16, 1910, was one of the first important visitations. This structure is designed throughout in purely Arabic lines as distinguished from the Moorish. The theatre auditorium seats 2000 persons. It is leased as a theatre but is reserved three days each month for such purposes as Murat Temple may elect. Social rooms extend along the front of the building on the second floor, which are always open to the membership. Special rooms are set aside for the band, patrol and candidates. A large and well-furnished room is provided for the exclusive use of the divan. This is decorated along Egyptian lines, with the lotus flower, camel, and Egyptian wings predominating. The carpet and all the furnishings were especially designed. The banquet hall, seating 1500, is finished along Arabic lines, and is also used as a ball room. A class of 192 novices made the pilgrimage across the hot sands of the desert upon this occasion.

A visit to Aloha Temple, in Honolulu, was one of importance, as a party of 125 Nobles and their ladies boarded the steamship Wilhelmina at San Francisco, February 15, 1911, for the pilgrimage. The six-day ocean voyage was made in ideal weather. The morning of February 21 found the tourists off the harbor of Honolulu, where they were met by the Illustrious Potentate of Aloha Temple, James S. McCandless, and a reception committee aboard the yacht, Kulamau II. Hawaii's symbol of greeting, a lei, or floral wreath, was placed about the necks of all the visitors. They were also met by the Nobility of Aloha Temple, with a band, on the tug, Intrepid. The wharf was lined by thousands of persons. The Arab Patrol of Aloha Temple was drawn up in line, and the Royal Hawaiian Band was on hand to welcome the visitors. There were automobiles in great numbers and a parade was formed which led through the principal streets of the Hawaiian metropolis.

In the afternoon the ladies of Aloha Temple gave a reception at the Seaside Hotel, Waikiki Beach, which was followed by a luau, or Hawaiian native feast, where the visitors were taught to eat from a pan with their fingers. Dr. C. B. Wood, first Potentate of Aloha Temple, was master of ceremonies. Addresses were made by Noble George A. Davis, of Aloha Temple, and by Joseph J. Fern, Mayor of Honolulu. The Imperial Potentate made pleasing response and was followed by Noble Lou B. Winsor who instituted Aloha Temple in 1901, being at that time Imperial Potentate.

The annual floral parade was given next day (Washington's birthday), a splendid affair, rivaling those of Pasadena and of Nice. That midnight, the Imperial party, accompanied by sixty-four Nobles of Aloha Temple, boarded the steamer Wilhelmina bound for Hilo, and the volcano of Kilauea, on the Island of Hawaii. At daybreak the steamer was running so close along the shore of Hawaii that the visitors were enabled to see the most wonderful scenery in the world of its kind. The rugged coast seemed to rise in an almost unbroken line to the snow-capped peak of Mauna Kea, 14,000 feet above the sea. Sugar cane grew in abundance along the coast, and here and there were sugar mills and small villages. Hundreds of waterfalls seemed to come out of the very faces of the cliffs. Arriving at Hilo at one o'clock in the afternoon, the party was taken in automobiles to the Volcano House, a drive of thirty-two miles through the wonderful tropical scenery of the island, and after luncheon, by the new government road to the crater, passing within one hundred yards of the pit of fire. The lake of molten lava, spitting, sputtering, seething, or swaying in great waves, and accompanied by a roar not unlike the ocean, filled the visitors with awe.

Gathered there at the crater, Kilauea was dedicated to Aloha Temple, by the Imperial Potentate, in these words:

> "Ladies and Nobles: Now, while Allah smiles from his throne above, and the stars of heaven shine down into this place, in the name of Him who places the bitterness in the root, the mysteries in the herbs of the field, and the burning in the fire; and by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, I dedicate and consecrate this mountain and this crater filled with molten lava, to the cause of justice, truth, good fellowship, and the punishment of all evil doers and bad Shriners; and may the name Kilauea with all its meaning, and the sentiment, Aloha Nui Oe, remain in the heart of every Shriner whithersoever dispersed around the world."

Another interesting event which occured at the brink of the crater, was the institution of a new order, by Noble A. M. Allison, which he named: "The Daughters of Pele." (Pele is the goddess of fire in Hawaiian mythology.) The order is designed to commemorate the visit of the wives, mothers and daughters of this pilgrimage to Hawaii, and will hold its annual meetings among the sisters at the same time and place as the Imperial Council sessions; when they will all again renew the many friendships which were established on this pilgrimage.

About ten o'clock P. M., the women of the party returned to the hotel, while the Nobles remained at the brink of the crater, where Aloha Temple held its ceremonial session—at the very edge of the lake of fire, where the novices were conducted across real burning sands. The veil of secrecy must be drawn over these ceremonies, but they were so real that the Nobles of the Imperial party all called upon Pele to have mercy on the souls of these poor Sons of the Desert. "This," reports the Imperial Potentate, "was a ceremonial session which will never be surpassed in unique features in the history of the Order."

Next morning the return trip was made to Hilo. Here the Arab Patrol of Aloha Temple paraded the streets, to the intense delight of the natives, who had never before seen anything like it. A banquet in the Masonic Temple of the second city of the Hawaiian Islands was a feature of the evening, followed by a reception and ball. At the latter, the grand march was led by the Imperial Potentate and Miss Moir. At the end of the ball the steamer was boarded for the return trip to Honolulu.

At two o'clock in the afternoon of February 25, the Imperial Potentate and his Imperial Divan, together with the visiting Nobles and the Nobles of Aloha Temple, assembled at the Hawaiian Opera House, where a parade was formed for the purpose of conducting the novices through the business portion of the city. This is always an interesting feature in Honolulu, and looked forward to with great expectation by the whole populace. The traditional banquet was held at Seaside Hotel, Waikiki Beach, in the evening, where a special pavilion had been erected for the purpose.

Further excursions were arranged for the visitors during the next three days, and a reception was given by the ex-queen, Liliuokalani. Departure for San Francisco was made on the morning of March 1, and six days later the Wilhelmina passed within the Golden Gate.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISIS AGAIN

As usual, a large number of questions came up for decision during the term of Imperial Potentate Hines, and these were referred to the Imperial Council for their approval, or for such action as might be warranted. In no instance was he reversed. Among the decisions were these:

> Al Malaikah Temple:—"You cannot recognize any such institution as the Daughters of Isis, in the future, and I would advise all members of Al Malaikah Temple to refuse to have anything to do with such an organization. We cannot, of course, prohibit them from having an organization with a prerequisite membership in our Order, but we can discipline any Nobles who belong to same."

Similar decision was rendered in the case of other temples, for it seemed, in spite of the action taken at the last session of the Imperial Council, a movement was spreading for an organization of the Daughters of Isis, in all parts of the United States. Even Mecca Temple proposed such an order.

BOGUS IMPERIAL COUNCIL INCORPORATED

The attention of the Imperial Potentate was called to the incorporation in Ohio, by S. C. Rutter and others, of the "Imperial Grand Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine." The Imperial Potentate wrote to Past Potentate George March, of Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, who under date of February 6, 1911, reported in part as follows:

> "I went to Niles and learned that S. C. Rutter is a paperhanger; H. R. Marlow and J. S. Moore are unknown there; M. D. Reifinger is a boiler maker; Henry Tuttle is employed about a livery stable; William R. Burford is an undertaker at Mineral Ridge, about four miles from Niles, and L. M. Phillips is a justice of the peace. Mr. Phillips is the one supposed to be the most active in the matter. They have a clandestine lodge, 'Mount Moriah,' also a chapter. None of the signers has ever been recognized as a Mason, in Niles."

The report of the Imperial Recorder showed a total of 123 temples of the Order, four of which were under dispensation. The membership was reported as 159,782, a net increase for the year, of 10,625. The Imperial Treasurer reported receipts for the year, to have been $63,053.48, and expenditures $53,093.18, leaving a net balance on hand, amounting to $117,376.61.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Charters were requested for the following temples under dispensation:

Al Sihah Temple, Macon, Ga.,
Aahmes Temple, Oakland, Cal.,
Bagdad Temple, Butte, Mont.,
Wa-Wa Temple, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Upon the favorable report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, charters were authorized by the Imperial Council.

Dispensations were asked for these temples:

Akdar Temple, Tulsa, Okla.,
Azhar Temple, Halifax, N. S.,
Meshed Temple, Montgomery, Ala.,
Nemesis Temple, Parkersburg, W. Va.,
Wahabi Temple, Jackson, Miss.,
Bedouin Temple, Muskogee, Okla.

The petition from the Nobles of Parkersburg, for a temple was reported on favorably by the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, but objection was made by Osiris Temple of Wheeling, the result being that dispensation was refused. Dispensations were denied for temples at Montgomery, Ala., and Jackson, Miss., but Akdar, Azhar and Bedouin Temples were authorized. The Nobles of Jackson obtained a reconsideration during the second day's session, and a dispensation was granted Wahabi Temple.

IMPERIAL DIVAN FOR 1911-1912

Election of the new officers of the Imperial Council resulted as follows:

Imperial Potentate, John F. Treat, Fargo, N. Dak.,

Deputy Imperial Potentate, William J. Cunningham, Baltimore, Md.,

Imperial Chief Rabban, William W. Irwin, Wheeling, W. Va.,

Imperial Assistant Rabban, Frederick R. Smith, Rochester, N. Y.,

Imperial High Priest and Prophet, J. Putnam Stevens, Portland, Me.,

Imperial Oriental Guide, Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.,

Imperial Treasurer, William S. Brown, Pittsburg, Pa.,

Imperial Recorder, Benjamin W. Rowell, Boston, Mass.

Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Charles E. Ovenshire, Minneapolis, Minn.,

Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Elias J. Jacoby, Indianapolis, Ind.,

Imperial Marshal, W. Freeland Kendrick, Philadelphia, Pa.,

Imperial Captain of the Guard, Ellis L. Garretson, Tacoma, Wash.,

Imperial Outer Guard, William J. Matthews, New York.

The suggestion of the Imperial Potentate that a committee investigate the feasibility of a permanent meeting place for the Imperial Council, was approved, and he was authorized to appoint a committee to report at the next session of the Imperial Council.

The Imperial Potentate had spent his fifteen months in office wholly in the interest of the Order, making the greatest number of visits ever made by an Imperial Potentate. The sum of $3,500 had been appropriated by the Imperial Council for his use, but he had spent $5000. Accordingly an additional $1500 was voted to him. This money was spent in travel and hotel expenses, and the Imperial Potentate made no charge whatever for his time, which he freely gave the Order. An appropriation of $3500 was made to meet expenses of the incoming Imperial Potentate.

The Imperial Council adjourned to meet in Los Angeles the first Tuesday and Wednesday in May, 1912. Because of the great hospitality of the Nobles of Al Malaikah Temple, and of the citizens of Los Angeles, and Southern California generally, many large pilgrimages were arranged, to make this gathering one of the most notable in the history of the Imperial Council.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

Los Angeles was the host of the Imperial Council for the thirty-eighth annual session, which was held during the week beginning May 5, 1912. "U-Know-Us" was the slogan adopted by Al Malaikah Temple, and by the end of the week the visiting Nobles certainly did, for not only the Los Angeles Nobility but the people in general made it a point to see that Los Angeles should certainly be known and remembered. The ceremonies incident to the Imperial Council session lasted a full week, and all agreed that never before have the Shriners been so lavishly entertained. The attendance also was very large. Coming at an ideal time of the year for a visit to California, various temples made up special trains and the pilgrimage to Los Angeles was one grand sight-seeing tour.

The arrival on Sunday, May 5, of the Imperial Potentate's special train, really marked the opening of the festivities for 1912. Illustrious Noble Treat arrived with his divan in the first of three sections which had traveled in company from the Imperial Potentate's home in Fargo, N. Dak., where the escorting delegations had assembled. The Imperial escort included these temples: El Zagal, Fargo; Aad, Duluth; Kem, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Khartum, Winnipeg; Zuhrah, Minneapolis; Osman, St. Paul; and Za-Ga-Zig, Des Moines. Bands and patrols galore accompanied the Imperial Potentate, and the journey was one of great delight, with frequent stops at points of interest.

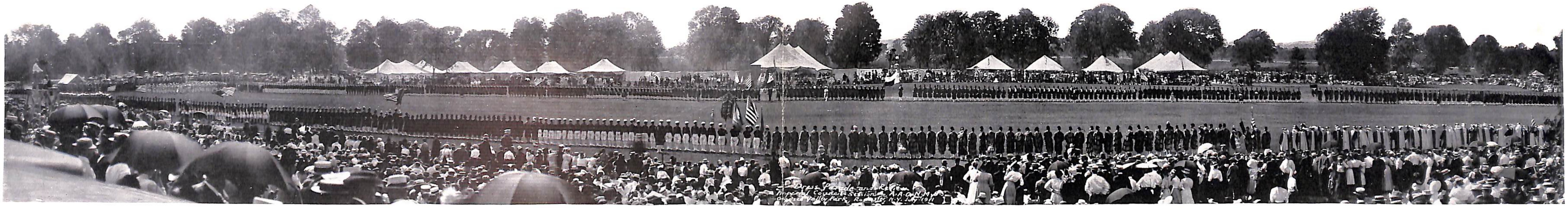
Cannon boomed, bands played, and five thousand assembled Shriners gave the tiger yell as the Imperial Potentate arrived. The six uniformed patrols formed in line as rapidly as the three sections of the Imperial train arrived, and then began the march to the headquarters of the Imperial Council.

Automobiles were provided for those of the Nobility who were not in the patrols and bands, and for the ladies of the party, and a hundred motor cars, all decorated with the Shrine colors, made up the parade.

As the opening of the Imperial Council did not officially begin until Tuesday, two days were devoted to sightseeing. Sunday was given to seeing Los Angeles and environs. The Nobles of Al Malaikah had levied upon five hundred automobiles, and every visitor was given a whirl about town. Monday, a visit was made to Catalina Island, where the view of the submarine gardens from the glass-bottomed boats was enjoyed, and also the thrilling ride to the top of the mountain which rises out of the Pacific.

Receptions galore were given on Tuesday evening, and Mrs. J. F. Treat, wife of the Imperial Potentate, held forth informally at the Hotel Alexandria, where the stream of callers was continuous. Al Malaikah gave a reception to the captains of the visiting patrols: Moolah, of St. Louis; Mecca, New York; Aloha, Honolulu; Hella,

CYPRUS TEMPLE
ALBANY, N.Y.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DRESS PARADE AND REVIEW OF ARAB PATROLS GENESEE VALLEY PARK, ROCHESTER, N. Y., IMPERIAL COUNCIL A. A. O. N. M. S., SESSION OF 1911

Dallas; Islam, San Francisco, and other temples held forth at their respective headquarters.

Tuesday, May 7, the Imperial Council was formally opened, a great parade forming the escort, which included patrols and bands, almost without number. That night was held the grand parade, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr., of St. Louis. This was in twelve grand divisions, each headed by a patrol and band, but in some of them were several patrols. Also, there were sixteen floats in the electrical pageant representing Al Malaikah Temple.

Wednesday, an all-day barbecue was given by Noble Edward Maier at his ranch at Santa Susanna, his guests numbering 1,800. From two to six in the afternoon, the society leaders of Los Angeles joined with Mrs. Treat in a formal reception, at the Alexandria Hotel, the wives of the other members of the Imperial Divan being also in the line. Various other functions for the ladies were given Wednesday afternoon, and in the evening the grand ball was given at the Hotel Virginia. The electrical pageant was also repeated in the evening.

Thursday was a day peculiarly Los Angelan. The daylight Mission Parade, in which the San Diego Nobles took charge, was the feature. The twenty-one floats each depicted a mission founded by the Spanish priests in Southern California, beginning with San Diego, in 1769, and extending to San Francisco Solano. Two of the most beautiful young women of Los Angeles, portrayed Santa Clara and Santa Barbara, and many other characters were represented.

The competitive drills of the Arab patrols was another feature that began after the passage of the Mission Parade, and in the evening all the patrols were banqueted at the Shrine Auditorium by Al Malaikah Temple, while the electrical pageant was repeated. Thursday, the great floral fiesta was given in six grand divisions. Los Angeles has always been famous for La Fiesta de las Flores, but all agreed that upon this occasion all previous efforts had been surpassed. Five hundred musicians, comprising the twenty-five or more bands which had accompanied the visiting temples, gave a concert Friday afternoon, and the grand ball given that evening in the Shrine auditorium was attended by five thousand persons. Saturday, a "Wild West" entertainment was given at Redondo Beach, with special beach attractions at Venice.

SESSION BEGINS

The formal work of the thirty-eighth annual session of the Imperial Council was begun at 10 A. M., Tuesday, May 7. Past Imperial Potentate Fred A. Hines presided at the opening, and after the invocation, Mayor Alexander presented Imperial Potentate Treat with the key of the city. Illustrious Potentate M. H. Flint of Al Malaikah Temple delivered the formal address of welcome, to which Imperial Potentate Treat responded in his usual happy style, and then began the reading of his annual report.

Noble Treat sounded the keynote of his address in this paragraph:

> "There is only one danger that can threaten our Shrine, and that is to allow it to become too common. The Shrine should not be used as an inducement to hurry through the prerequisite Masonic bodies. Anything easily obtained is never prized when possessed."

NEW TEMPLES CONSTITUTED IN 1911

The Illustrious Potentate reported the constitution of new temples as follows:

Aug. 16, Aahmes Temple, Oakland, Cal.
Sept. 4, Al Sinah Temple, Macon, Ga.
Sept. 13, Azhar Temple, Halifax, N. S.
Sept. 13, Bagdad Temple, Butte, Mont.
Oct. 3, Akdar Temple, Tulsa, Okla.
Oct. 4, Bedouin Temple, Muskogee, Okla.
Oct. 6, Wahabi Temple, Jackson, Miss.
Dec. 4, Wa Wa Temple, Regina, Saskatchewan.

The membership of the Order, as shown by the Imperial Recorder, was 172,661, December 31, 1911. During the year the Order of Nobility had been conferred upon 16,724 candidates. There were 2,091 losses by death, 3,048 by dimits, 1,563 by suspension, and fifteen by expulsion. The Imperial Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $135,021.18, an increase over last year of $8,486.58.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS SUBMITTED TO IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Among the recommendations of the Imperial Potentate were these:

That the annual dues in any temple shall not be less than $5.

That temples entitled to four representatives shall elect one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, and thereafter annually elect one for a term of four years. Where three, a three-year basis is proposed, and where two, a two-year basis, thus making the election of but one representative a year, in each temple.

That the names of all applicants for the Order shall be printed in the notice to all members of the temple, and that at least one meeting shall intervene between the application and the balloting.

That temples having 300 members shall be entitled to two representatives; those having 600, three representatives; and those having 1,000 or more, four representatives.

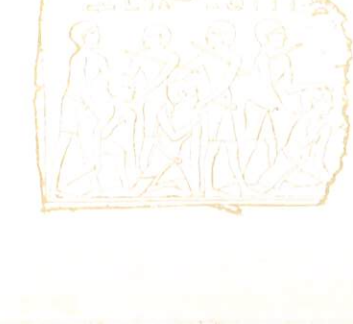
Among the decisions of the Imperial Potentate, which he submitted for the approval of the Imperial Council, were these:

Islam Temple—To hold a ceremonial session in the Panama Canal Zone early in 1912. Refused, because the Canal Zone is neither a State nor a territory, as prescribed by the by-laws; besides, most of the eligibles are but temporary residents of the Zone, and would be members of Islam Temple scattered in many parts of the United States.

Beni-Kedem Temple—To increase fee from fifty to seventy-five dollars, of which twenty-five is to be transferred to the trustees of the Arab patrol. Approved, as the patrol is wholly under the control of the potentate of the temple.

Ben Hur Temple—Permission to accept invitation of Catholic Knights of America, to appear in Columbus Day Parade. Refused, because Imperial by-laws forbid wearing of fez and jewel upon occasions other than meetings of the Order, or gatherings under some legal authority of the Order.

Noble Gerald D. Bliss (Ismalia Temple)—Permission to form a club in the Panama Canal Zone known as the Panama Shriners. Granted, for while such organizations are forbidden within States and territories without approval of the temple having jurisdiction, the Panama Canal Zone is beyond the jurisdiction of the Imperial Council, and the object is to unite in a social club those members of the Order resident in the Canal Zone and having no other powers whatsoever.



Azhar Temple—May a Knight Templar or a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree, resident in the Bermuda Islands, be eligible for membership? Held, that as there is no temple located in the Bermuda Islands, a bona fide resident may apply to any temple.

The Imperial Potentate's recommendation that the annual dues be increased to a minimum of $5 was not concurred in by the Imperial Council, the matter being left entirely at the option of the subordinate temples.

The matter of electing representatives for four, three and two years, was laid over until the next annual session in order to permit action by the subordinate bodies.

Representation in the Imperial Council was reduced, by the adoption of the following basis: One representative to each temple irrespective of membership; two representatives to temples having three hundred members; three representatives to temples having six hundred; and four representatives to temples having one thousand.

The recommendation that applicants be not elected at the same meeting at which their petition is received, was not approved. The discussion was general, and the matter rests as it has always done. That is, members may be elected upon a dispensation issued by the Imperial Potentate; without such dispensation the application must lie over for one meeting after the committee has made report.

A Committee of the Imperial Council was created to consider and report upon all applications for *emeritus* or honorary memberships, no one to be eligible to such membership unless indorsed by the temple to which he belongs. This will be effective from this time on. At the Los Angeles session, honorary membership carrying with it the right to vote, and otherwise to have a voice in the Imperial Council, was conferred upon Nobles John G. Hunter, Dallas, Tex.; Preston Belvin, Richmond, Va.; J. Harry Lewis, St. Paul, Minn., and T. L. Beecher, Bridgeport, Conn. An *emeritus* membership was conferred upon Noble Richard Lambert, New Orleans, La.

The Grievance Committee reported to the Imperial Council that not a single case had come before it for adjustment, and congratulated the Order on its fraternal peace. Hereafter all correspondence relative to grievances and appeals on the part of individual members of the Nobility, must pass through the hands of the potentate of the particular temple, except in the case of Imperial representatives, who shall have the right of appeal direct. If the potentate of a temple refuses to forward a grievance or appeal, then it may be sent directly to the Imperial Potentate.

The Imperial Council overruled the Imperial Potentate in the matter of the Beni-Kedem Temple Patrol, disapproving the action of that temple in setting aside a portion of its membership fee for the use of the patrol, to be under the control of a board of trustees. Such funds are to be under the absolute control of the potentate and the officers created for such purpose, although the Imperial Council does not attempt to dictate what disposition shall be made of the funds so procured, holding that the matter is one for local jurisdiction, whenever an appropriation for any particular purpose is required. In other words, each temple is free to vote such funds as it pleases for the support of its patrol, the Imperial Council merely desiring to avoid any possible precedent that a certain portion of any fund shall be used for a patrol.

The action of the Imperial Potentate in refusing dispensation for the conferring of the Order of Nobility upon a class in the Panama Canal Zone was approved. The Imperial Council took the position that the residents of the Canal Zone were but temporary, and those eligible to the Order should be under the jurisdiction of the temple in whose oasis their permanent abode was made.

One of the most important decisions of the Imperial Council was an interpretation of the eligibility of Imperial representatives. Heretofore the construction has been that removal from the jurisdiction of the local temple constituted ineligibility. Under the action of the Imperial Council anyone is eligible who resides within the jurisdiction of the Imperial Council. For example, a Noble of Mecca Temple, though residing in San Francisco, may be elected by Mecca as its representative to the Imperial Council.

The Imperial Council ruled that it was not permissible for a potentate to appoint deputy potentates, no such officer being provided for in the Imperial Council laws. The matter was raised by Isis Temple, Salina, Kan., Recorder F. D. Blundon writing the Imperial Potentate under date of February 27, 1912, as follows:

> "We are of the impression—derived from some not clearly remembered source—that it is permissible for potentates of temples to appoint deputy potentates throughout their jurisdiction to assist and cooperate in the interests of the temple. I have perused the code and proceedings of the Imperial meetings with considerable diligence and find no justification for the impression that we have."

To this the Imperial Potentate replied:

> "It is the custom of a number of our most successful potentates to appoint deputies to represent them throughout their jurisdiction. Like yourself, I know of no laws either for or against such appointments. Inasmuch as it is the custom, if it seems proper to him to make them, I believe it is within his authority, they, of course, to be under his direct instructions and authority at all times."

The action of the Imperial Potentate in declining to approve Arab patrol by-laws, was sustained by the Imperial Council, which held that all such organizations are under the direct supervision and authority of the potentate.

REPORT OF PERMANENT-MEETING-PLACE COMMITTEE

The committee on the establishment of a permanent Mecca, of which Past Imperial Potentate Fred A. Hines was chairman, was discharged from further consideration of the subject, after making a lengthy report, and the matter seems disposed of, though there is always the possibility that it will be revived from time to time, owing to the inability of any one city properly to care for the Shriners, yet, on the other hand, there are many benefits obtained by the shifting about from one city to another, not the least being the enthusiasm that is aroused in the neighborhood of the city where the session of the Imperial Council is held.

Noble Hines was assisted in his committee work by Past Imperial Potentate Frank C. Roundy of Chicago; Emeritus Member John W. Boyle of Utica; Emeritus Member George W. McCandless of Pittsburg, and Noble Edwin DeBarr of Norman, Okla. With the exception of Noble DeBarr, who was detained by legal business, all the members of the committee assembled in Detroit, September 10, 1911. The committee found in waiting, Past Imperial Potentate Lou B. Winsor, Imperial Treasurer W. S. Brown, Past Potentate Perett of Moslem Temple; Past Potentate Cornelius of Saladin Temple; and Nobles James McGregor, vice-president, and H. F. Moeller, general passenger agent for the Pere Marquette Railway, which company became host of the visitors, and provided a special

train for the inspection of the sites, in Northern Michigan, which had been recommended.

The train departed from Detroit during the night, and reached Muskegon the following morning, where the committee was met by a delegation of prominent citizens headed by Lieutenant-Governor Ross. Automobiles were provided and the party conveyed to a tract of land having on one side an extensive water front on Muskegon Lake, and on the other side a large frontage on Bear Lake, with Lake Michigan near by and in full view. Another site on the southern side of Muskegon Lake was also inspected.

September 12 was spent in the neighborhood of Travis City, and a site inspected about thirty miles from the city, where the waters of Glen Lake and Lake Michigan unite. This was regarded as a beautiful spot and the frontage on the two lakes provided all the land necessary to meet the requirements. September 13, the party arrived in Charlevoix, and inspected Pine Lake, which is sixteen miles long and from three to five miles wide. The neighborhood of Charlevoix is already extensively developed as a summer resort and abounds in villas and bungalows, club houses and beautiful country drives. Located at the head of the lake on a broad, level tract of a hundred acres, stands the Pere Marquette Railway Company's inn, a building of about two hundred and fifty rooms. On the same side of the lake, and commencing about a mile from the hotel is a tract of about three thousand acres of land, extending for something like six miles along the front of Pine Lake, which seemed in every way suited to the purposes the committee had in view.

The Shrine Committee was met at this spot by representatives of the Pere Marquette, Pennsylvania and New York Central lines, and the cities of Charlevoix, Boyne and Jordan. The climatic conditions seemed perfect, the fishing and boating were all that could be asked, and in the language of the committee's report, the matter resolved itself into what kind of a proposition the local interests wished to make. While the committee was unable to complete any negotiations in the absence of authority from the Imperial Council, it was able to report a belief that a donation of $500,000 worth of land absolutely free, would be made to the Imperial Council if the permanent Mecca were established upon it. In that shape, therefore, the matter was referred to the Imperial Council, which, having discharged the committee, is free to take the matter up at the next session, or at any future session.

Dispensations for new temples were granted as follows:
East St. Louis, Ill., San Diego, Cal., Nashville, Tenn., and Parkersburg, W. Va.

Dispensations were refused for the establishment of temples at Grand Island, Neb., Fort Smith, Ark., and Roanoke, Va.

The application of Montgomery, Ala., for a dispensation was postponed for one year.

The application for a charter for Azhar Temple, Halifax, N. S., was postponed for one year.

A motion that the names of all candidates for Imperial offices be filed with the Imperial Recorder at least thirty days before the session of the Imperial Council, was lost, and after the selection of Dallas, Tex., May 13 and 14, for the thirty-ninth annual session, the Imperial Council elected and installed these officers and adjourned:

IMPERIAL DIVAN FOR 1912-1913

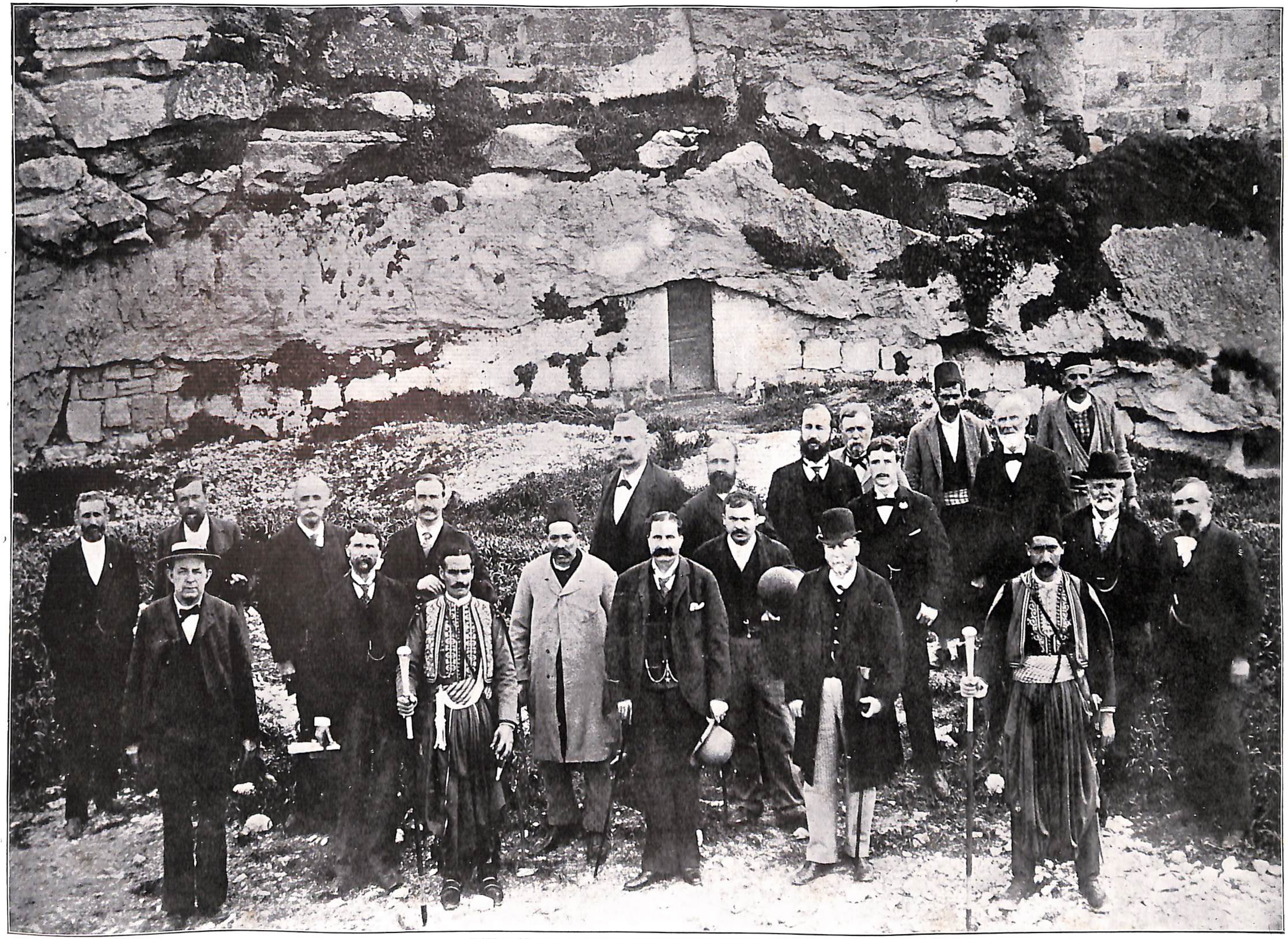
Imperial Potentate, William J. Cunningham, Baltimore, Md.
Imperial Deputy Potentate, William W. Irwin, Wheeling, W. Va.
Imperial Chief Rabban, Frederick R. Smith, Rochester, N. Y.
Imperial Assistant Rabban, J. Putnam Stevens, Portland, Me.
Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.
Imperial Oriental Guide, Charles E. Ovenshire, Minneapolis, Minn.
Imperial Treasurer, William S. Brown, 523 Wood Street, Pittsburg, Pa.
Imperial Recorder, Benjamin W. Rowell, 206 Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.
Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Elias J. Jacoby, Indianapolis, Ind.
Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, W. Freeland Kendrick, Philadelphia, Pa.
Imperial Marshal, Ellis L. Garretson, Tacoma, Wash.
Imperial Captain of the Guard, William J. Matthews, New York, N. Y.
Imperial Outer Guard, Ernest A. Cutts, Savannah, Ga.

Dates and Places of Holding the Annual Sessions of the Imperial Council Since Organization

	DATE	PLACE OF MEETING	CITY AND STATE
1	June 6, 1876,	Masonic Hall	New York, N. Y.
2	Feb. 6, 1877,	Masonic Hall	Albany, N. Y.
3	Feb. 6, 1878,	Masonic Temple	New York, N. Y.
4	Feb. 5, 1879,	Masonic Temple	Albany, N. Y.
5	Feb. 4, 1880,	Masonic Temple	Albany, N. Y.
6	June 2, 1880,	Temple Hall	New York, N. Y.
7	June 9, 1881,	Temple Hall	New York, N. Y.
8	June 7, 1882,	Masonic Temple	New York, N. Y.
9	June 6, 1883,	Masonic Temple	New York, N. Y.
10	June 4, 1884,	Masonic Temple	New York, N. Y.
11	June 4, 1885,	Masonic Temple	New York, N. Y.
12	June 14, 1886,	Al Koran Temple	Cleveland, O.
13	June 20, 1887,	Murat Temple	Indianapolis, Ind.
14	June 25, 1888,	Rameses Temple	Toronto, Ont.
15	June 17, 1889,	Medinah Temple	Chicago, Ill.
16	June 23, 1890,	Syria Temple	Pittsburg, Pa.
17	June 9, 1891,	Masonic Hall	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
18	Aug. 15, 1892,	Masonic Hall	Omaha, Neb.
19	June 13, 1893,	Scottish Rite Cathedral	Cincinnati, O.
20	July 24, 1894,	Masonic Temple	Denver, Colo.
21	Sept. 2, 1895,	Rockland House	Nantasket Beach, Mass.
22	June 23, 1896,	Masonic Temple	Cleveland, O.
23	June 8, 1897,	Masonic Temple	Detroit, Mich.
24	June 14, 1898,	Opera House	Dallas, Tex.
25	June 14, 1899,	German-American Hall	Buffalo, N. Y.
26	May 22, 1900,	Columbia Theatre	Washington, D. C.
27	June 11, 1901,	Standard Theatre	Kansas City, Mo.
28	June 10, 1902,	Golden Gate Hall	San Francisco, Cal.
29	July 8, 1903		Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
30	July 13, 1904,	Marine Hall	Atlantic City, N. J.
31	June 20, 1905,	International Theatre	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
32	June 12, 1906,	Medinah Temple	Chicago, Ill
33	May 7, 1907,	Scottish Rite Hall	Los Angeles, Cal.
34	July 14, 1908,	Auditorium	St. Paul, Minn.
35	June 8, 1909,	Scottish Rite Cathedral	Louisville, Ky.
36	April 12, 1910,	Scottish Rite Cathedral	New Orleans, La.
37	July 11, 1911,	Convention Hall	Rochester, N. Y.
38	May 7-8, 1912,	Scottish Rite Cathedral	Los Angeles, Cal.

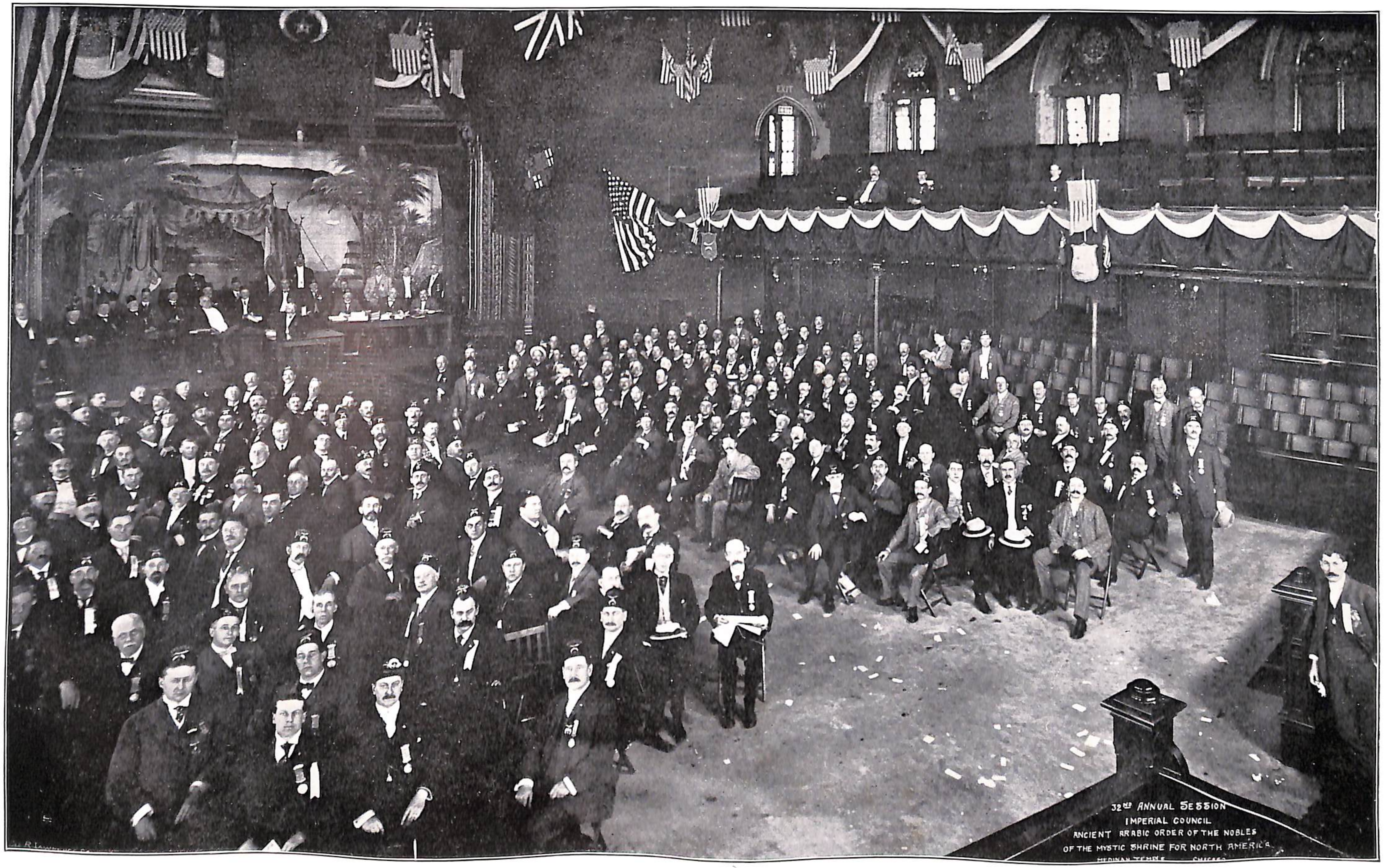
Wm. J. Cunningham

Imperial Potentate, 1912-13



ENTRANCE TO QUARRIES OF SOLOMON UNDER JERUSALEM

By courtesy of Noble Herbert M. Knapp of Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N.M. S., Oasis of Bridgeport, Conn., who visiting Jerusalem a few years ago had the privilege, in company with a number of Masons from the United States, of attending a meeting conducted by the local lodge, in the very room in which according to tradition, Hiram, King of Tyre, inaugurated the Masonic Order.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Founders of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

— for —

North America

WILLIAM JERMYN FLORENCE, founder of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was a widely known actor and comedian who died at the very zenith of his fame. His real name was Conlin, but upon entering a professional life he adopted the stage name of Florence, which he later accepted as his own.

He was born in Albany, N. Y., July 26, 1831, and died of pneumonia in Philadelphia, November 19, 1891, after a week's illness. The body was brought to New York and now rests in Greenwood Cemetery, where it is easily found by reason of the Shrine monument which marks it.

A man of small stature but surprising activity, with a keen and fertile mind, was "Billy" Florence. He was only five feet six inches in height, but strongly built, without the slightest clumsiness. He had a wealth of wavy brown hair that needed only length to blossom into curls; a broad, well-developed forehead; a pair of clear, twinkling, honest blue eyes that were always beaming kindly; a clean-shaven face, with fun dancing in every dimple; an expressive mouth; a voice at once gentle and full of admirable intonations; a manner that inspired confidence and insured personal popularity. No man was better fitted for the part he made famous. His private life was sweet and pure. His friends were legion. He spoke a little French, German, and Italian. He belonged to the Manhattan Club in New York, and to the Beefsteak, Garrick, Green Room, Field, and Savage Clubs in London.

He was a member of the various York and Scottish Rite bodies, and as active in all of them as the demands of his professional engagements would permit. He never missed an opportunity of participating in a Masonic function, and in his travels throughout the United States and in foreign countries he met and mingled with many Masons.

He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar and a Knight of Malta in Pittsburg Commandery No. 1, June 13, 1854. He received the various degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in New York City, being created Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret (thirty-second degree) April 21, 1867, by Charles T. McClenachan, 33°, in Aurora Grata Consistory.

Elsewhere we have told, in his own words, how Noble Florence received the Order of the Mystic Shrine, and how he brought it to this country. Since his professional duties called him to all the leading cities of the country, and as his acquaintance with eligible Masons was extensive, he was created a "special deputy," and communicated the Order in its earlier days to responsible Masons in the cities he visited, thus laying the foundation stones of many of the temples which now exist.

The death of Noble Florence created a profound shock among the members of the Order, and the following proclamation was issued by Imperial Potentate Sam Briggs:

THE NOBILITY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE
PROCLAMATION!
IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE,
United States of America.

To all Illustrious Potentates, Rabbans, and Noble Shareefs throughout the jurisdiction of the Western Hemisphere

AFFLICTION! DISTRESS! SORROW!

Illustrious Noble William J. Florence (thirty-second degree), Grand Shareef of Mecca Temple and representative of the temples in the East under the Domain of the Crescent, is Dead!

Our esteemed Noble died in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., in Laylet Jumauh, the seventeenth day of the Arabic month of Rabah ul Akhir, A. H. 1309, corresponding to the nineteenth day of November, A. D. 1891.

Glory to Him who hath transported His servant to the Unseen Temple!

You are hereby commanded, Imperial and Subordinate, for the full term of three crescent moons after this mandate, within the mystic sanctuaries of the Shrine, to drape your altars and tombs with the insignia of mourning, and let the symbolic funeral urn be placed on the sacred Black Stone, there to exhale incense during all ceremonies, and each and all of you to wear the customary emblems of mourning for the required term; also to inscribe upon your Temple records notice of the same.

Executive action *in memoriam* will be taken under the auspices of the Imperial body at its next annual session, as prescribed for its illustrious dead.

In obedience to supreme decree,

SAM BRIGGS, 33°,
Imperial Potentate, Cleveland, Ohio.
FRANK M. LUCE, 33°,
Imperial Recorder, Chicago, Ill.
WALTER M. FLEMING, M. D., 33°,
Past Imperial Potentate and Representative *ad vitam*,
Imperial Council, U. S. A., New York.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN MECCA TEMPLE

At the next session of Mecca Temple after the demise of Noble Florence, Past Imperial Potentate Walter M. Fleming paid the following tribute:

"I am indeed grieved to interrupt this joyous occasion to announce the death of our beloved brother, that Illustrious Noble, William J. Florence, who died of pneumonia on the 19th day of November, 1891, at the Continental Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa. The announcement of the death of Noble Florence is scarcely less startling because it was anticipated. It comes with all the acuteness of a personal loss to admirers and friends from all parts of the compass and from every walk in life.

"Actor, Mason, man, his real genius was a genius for friendship. From high and low, from king and peasant alike, came the proud boast of friendship of Billy Florence! His greatness was measured in a single phrase,— he was all men's friend.

"The philosopher who wrote, 'I hold nothing to be alien to myself,' reduced to words the principles upon which Florence unconsciously lived. He was all sunshine and love. His happiest moments were those spent in contributing to the happiness of others. It is said that he was never known to utter an unkind or malicious word of any human being. If any man ever lived who was free from envy and uncharitableness, that man was William J. Florence.

"He was all that was bright and good in humanity. The influence of such a man does not cease with his exit. The world has been made happier by his living in it. With Florence, the Shakespearean rule shall be reversed: It is not the evil which he did which will live after him; the good is not interred with his bones. It is rare that it is given to any man to lead a more useful life than did Florence. It is doubtful whether there is any person living who has given more innocent and wholesome diversion to so many thousands as he. In this world of great realities and tragedies, of wearing cares and responsibilities, the man who can lighten them by his humor, and help to lift the burden even for a little, is a public benefactor. Such a man was Florence. Out of his own fund of good spirits and that rare sense of humor of his which sometimes produced a laugh, sometimes deep sympathy, it always made one better for seeing him. He added continually to the pleasure of others, and continually drew them to a higher level of taste and appreciation; and thus the public learned to regard him, not only with admiration, but with affection, for

"'Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone;
For this brave old earth must borrow its mirth —
It has troubles enough of its own.'

"Charles Lamb expressed the thought when he said: 'A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any state of the market.' Hume was wont to say he 'would rather possess a cheerful disposition — one inclined to view the bright side — than one which might claim to be the master of ten thousand a year.'

"As an actor, Florence did much to uplift the stage, even in the earlier periods of his professional career. When he devoted himself to Irish characters, he was never a clown or buffoon. His Irishman — whether master or servant — was always a creature of infinite jest and exuberant fancy. When he essayed the higher roles of the gamut, he produced the same genuine qualities of refinement in his work. Florence made acting worthy. He quit stage life honored by men in and out of his profession. King, statesman, journalist, financier — all courted the genial Billy. Nobody was the worse for knowing him. And ah! the good dinners he ate; the good wine he drank; the good stories he told, and the good deeds he performed!

"And Billy Florence was an accessory to this Order,— to its existence,— which will stand as a lasting monument exemplary of his very life, his splendid accomplishment, and the good deeds that he performed. He was loved by all men, but dearly loved by all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine!

"'Alas! how sadly sleeps thy face
Amid the sunshine glow —
The golden glow that through thy heart
Was wont such joy to send.
Woe that it smiles, and not for thee,
Our brother and our friend!'

"'Comedy removed her mask and wept at the bier of her beloved son' when the plaintive ceremonial of the dead began *in memoriam* of William J. Florence,— the actor,— the father of the Mystic Shrine. The funeral took place in New York on Monday last, and the great actor was mourned by thousands. The floral offerings were numerous and massive. Both the Catholics and the Freemasons behaved with rare and admirable tact and good judgment.* Now that Billy Florence's wholesome, jovial body is under the turf, and his great, generous soul,— no one who did not know him knows how great and broad and deep that soul was,— now that it rests in perpetual peace, which at last awaits all well-doers, of all creeds and of no creed at all, the truth of the matter begins to break like a morning futilely hid by window blinds.

"William Conlin Florence, no matter what his fondness for the good priests he knew, and for the beauty and beneficence of the creed they preached, was a Freemason who loved Freemasonry; who believed in its nobility; who practiced its charities; who was true to its obligations; who never — not even on his deathbed — renounced it. He stood high up on its rolls; he was proud of the honors it bestowed upon him; none of its craftsmen ever failed to receive at his hands the fullest exemplification of its precepts. There is a reason not only to believe, but to know, that the last pulses of his great, big heart beat faithfully to the keynote of the Order, and that his kind, sympathetic soul heard nothing but the sweet harmonies of common humanity.

"To Florence's keen and genial nature, Masonry meant not a conspiracy against faith in the supernatural, but a Fraternity of those who loved and who would benefit mankind, overwhelmed as it was by the mysteriously malignant condition of this temporal and transitory life.

"Had he anticipated death, had he felt that he stood on the bank of the dark stream which divides the visible from the invisible, the mortal from the immortal, he would not have quailed, because there was no act of his done in the full flush of his health and strength that Florence would have repudiated in the hour of his dissolution and in the face of death. Eternity never had terrors for that kind and simple soul. To reverse the thoughts and beliefs of a lifetime is to asperse with insult the new grave in Greenwood."

TRIBUTE OF IMPERIAL POTENTATE SAM BRIGGS

"His repute in connection with the Ancient Arabic Order is too well known to be repeated here," said Imperial Potentate Sam Briggs at the annual session of the Imperial Council in 1892, held at Omaha, Neb. "The name of Florence has been a shibboleth in every temple in the land since the advent of the Order in the

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*The funeral services were held under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church, of which the Conlin family were members, and it is claimed that Noble Florence had never renounced that faith, but had re-embraced it on his deathbed. There was no Masonic funeral.

Western world. His fame as an actor, gentleman, and prince of good fellows has been world-wide."

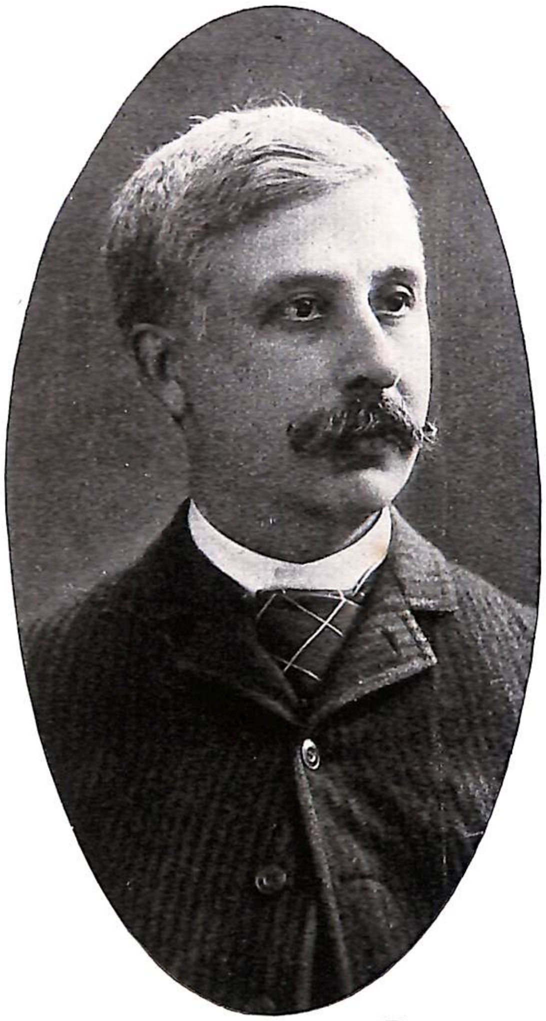
The Imperial Potentate quoted from life sketches and eulogies to more fully illustrate the place held by Noble Florence in the affection of the communities where he was known and the society wherein he moved, and concluded with these thoughts:

"Should a philosopher soliloquize on Life and Death I doubt not he would reason thus: If death comes after the accomplishment of the purposes of that life, then death has but reclaimed its own; otherwise the law of God would be transgressed, and the plan of the human mind diverted.

"I am persuaded that the inherent instinct of all life is a sphere in harmony with its environment, and its pathway is gilded by an Omnipresent, though unseen, hand, which fixes responsibility, and reward is measured by a universal law commensurate with the opportunities presented and the good accomplished. It would be grossly inconsistent with the scheme of creation to apply an inflexible rule as to what should not or should meet with approbation, or to arrive by degrees at a given scale. The truly just conclusion would be:

"He who has lived a life of usefulness with an honest purpose, has had to fully realize his faculties for the betterment of his surroundings. That man, in whatever direction he may have applied his efforts, has fulfilled his mission, has complied with the law, and, of right, should be awarded a place among the most exalted of his name.

"If I have reasoned well, then am I not justified in saying that the man who has reached the summit in the pursuit of his chosen part, whose lifework has been permeated with the milk of human kindness, and whose every thought, word, and act has been the lending of good cheer to his fellow man, has well earned the plaudits of the millions of this world, and a seat at the right hand of Him who fixes our destiny? Let the measure be by the most exacting rule and scale of the tried and true."



Saml Briggs

Surviving Charter Members

There remain to-day but three of the original thirteen men who formed Mecca Temple, and out of which grew the Imperial Council. These are Illustrious and Past Imperial Potentate Walter M. Fleming, Illustrious and Past Imperial Treasurer *pro tem* George W. Millar, and Illustrious and Past Imperial Recorder William S. Paterson.

Dr. FLEMING is now practically an invalid, and resides with his son at 141 Rich street, Mount Vernon, N. Y. His mind is as keen and active as ever, but his physical health prevents his participation in the glories of the Order which he nursed from a babe in swaddling clothes, if, indeed, he was not more responsible even than Noble Florence for its very inception and organization. The natural modesty that has always surrounded Dr. Fleming has served to keep in the background the full extent of the part he played in the formation of the Noble Order. The records of Mecca Temple and of the Imperial Council for the first twelve years show his official acts, but many of the other acts of those who were associates with him in the propagation of the Order are believed to have been actually inspired, if not carried out, by Dr. Fleming.

However, we must accept the record as it stands, but the laurels won by Dr. Fleming, it may safely be said, cover deeds and acts known only to him and his intimate associates in the work, in addition to the known labors which he has performed. It goes without saying, and the records bear it out, that Dr. Fleming did more to get the Order started in this country than did Noble Florence, but Dr. Fleming has always insisted that the full meed of credit be given to Noble Florence. This is intended by no means to detract from the credit due Noble Florence, for in his travels over the country he did wonders in arousing interest and extolling the beauties of the Order; but it was Dr. Fleming who inspired many of the lessons and who suggested many of the signs, ceremonies, and symbols which were collected in the Orient and adapted for use in the West. Not all of them could be used. Many of the ceremonies lacked meaning or significance to the western mind. In such cases the broad and keen mental vision of Dr. Fleming was employed to make these symbols plainer, and others put his ideas on paper or into practice.

Probably the full extent of Dr. Fleming's labors will never be known. Few there are now in this desert that know of the deeds he did and the acts he inspired, and these are pledged to secrecy, for Dr. Fleming has always wished to bear a modest part in the history of the Order. Some future writer may feel at liberty to give details that are not permissible during his lifetime but Dr. Fleming himself refuses to detract for one moment from the credit he has always insisted shall be given others who labored with him in the trying and uncertain days of the Order. No one will ever know of the prejudices that were to be overcome and how they were met. Not the least of the troubles was that of finance; and it is believed that if the truth were known it would be found that Dr. Fleming, aided by a handful of friends, himself carried the burden for half a dozen years.

Unfortunately, the present writer is pledged by obligations given the living to say as little as possible, and in the case of Dr. Fleming he is permitted to give but the merest outline beyond that which is a part of the records of the proceedings of the Order, which records are dealt with in the history itself. Only a mere skeleton of the career of Dr. Fleming is possible.

Walter Millard Fleming was born in Portland, Maine, January 13, 1837. In his boyhood he removed to Rochester, N. Y., with his parents, where his father entered the practice of medicine. When he grew to manhood, the son also entered the practice of medicine and located in New York City, there later to build up a good practice. He prospered, married, and gave his time for the benefit of his fellow men.

He early united with Masonry and was active in all the bodies of the York and Scottish Rites. He has been highly honored by Columbian Commandery, Knights Templar, and by New York City Consistory, and has been coroneted with the thirty-third and last degree for conspicuous services.

A *bon vivant, raconteur*, and prince of good fellows, Dr. Fleming has had friends by the thousands. For many years he lived at the Gilsey House in New York, and was house physician not only to that hotel, but also to the Victoria and Grand Hotels. Among the theatrical profession he was highly popular and was the physician of many noted actors. His friendships in this respect included some of the most noted stars of the period between 1875 and 1890, and even until his retirement a few years ago Dr. Fleming maintained his close relations with this profession.

Romance filled a great part of the life of Dr. Fleming, and his mind was given to the unfolding of the most interesting tales. Had he given his life to literature rather than to medicine, many of his stories would have been as standard as the tales of the "Arabian Nights" or other classics. This romantic turn of mind led him fully to see the beauties of the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine when William J. Florence came home from a tour of Europe and the Orient filled with the enthusiasm born of his initiation and his researches. The rituals, differing somewhat in the several Oriental countries, were compared, the hidden meanings rendered into English, then elaborated and beautified by Dr. Fleming to reach the keener and quicker Western mind, which is not given so much to dreams. To preserve the beauties of the Order and yet have them fully appreciated by the Western mind, complete rewriting was necessary and many of the similes employed in this work were suggested or inspired by Dr. Fleming, although the work of shaping up the ritual in English was left very largely to Charles T. McClenachan, who put Dr. Fleming's ideas into words and harmonized them with the Arabic text.

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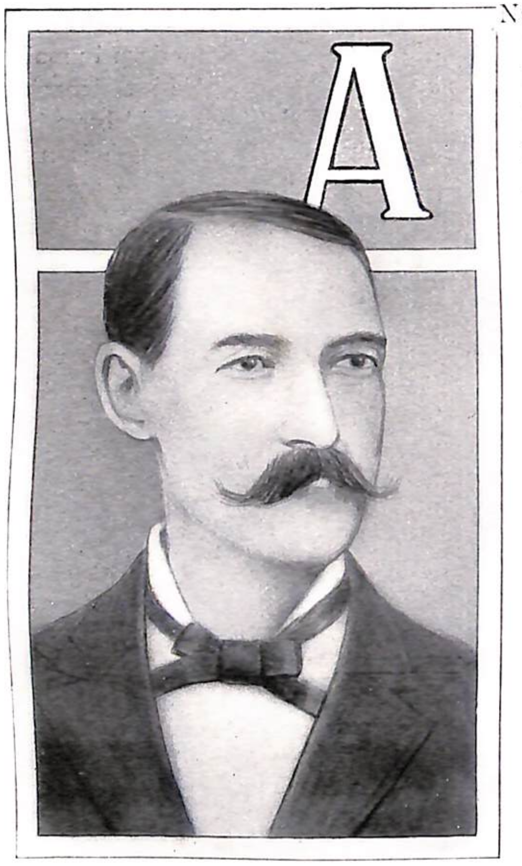
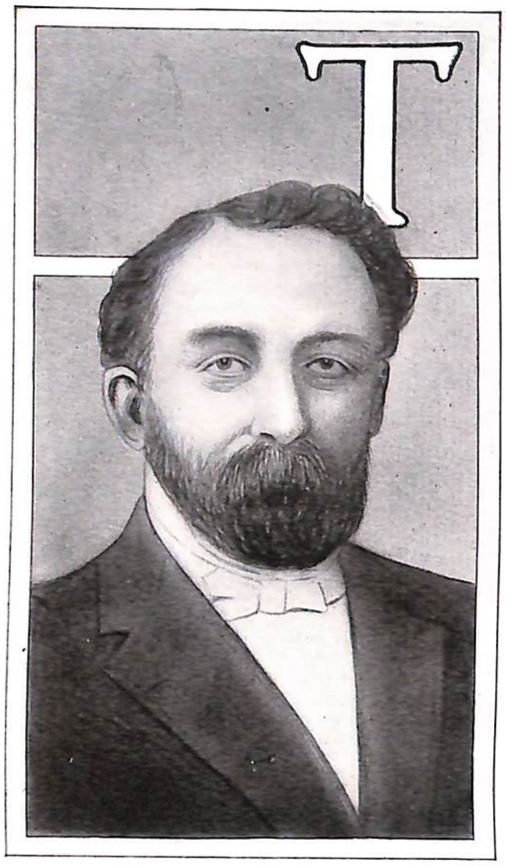


ANOTHER of the surviving charter members is William Sleigh Paterson, a native of Haddington, Scotland, where he was born in March, 1844, coming to this country when a young man. He is a literary man of signal ability and an expert proofreader, in which capacity he has been employed for many years by A. H. Kellogg. It is said of him that a mistake in rhetoric, an error of history, or a misquotation of an authority has never yet passed him, and he has read the manuscripts of some of the country's most noted authors.

The services of such a man naturally had a great value in the early history of the Order. Noble Paterson was for twenty years Recorder of Mecca Temple, and all its records from its formation until his retirement from office were kept and written by him. He was also Imperial Recorder from the formation of the Imperial Council in 1876 until his retirement at the Chicago session in 1889. His work for the Imperial Council is attested by the records themselves, although they do not show the real part he played, in company with his fellow charter members, in carrying on the Order during the first ten years of its existence.

Noble Paterson is gifted with a wonderful mind, and is also an expert on chess. He is a bachelor, and has devoted nearly all his life to Masonry, which has honored him with the thirty-third degree. He is a member of Columbian Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, and of Aurora Grata Consistory. For many years he was Secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies in New York City.



THE third surviving charter member of Mecca Temple is George W. Millar, a paper merchant at 64 Duane street, New York City, and who resides at 163 West Twelfth street, where for many years he has owned his home. He was born January 26, 1840, in Boston. He was Knighted in Columbian Commandery, Knights Templar, and received the Scottish Rite degrees in Aurora Grata Consistory. He is the active member of the thirty-third degree for New York State.

Throughout his life Noble Millar has been active in all the Masonic bodies, even more so than in the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, although his shoulders, too, were with those put under the weight of the Order for the many years when its existence was threatened. Noble Millar is a Trustee of the Scottish Rite bodies and is the representative of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales near the Grand Lodge of New York.

Noble Millar, like Nobles Fleming and Paterson, has rendered to the Order many services which will never appear in the records and which represent great personal sacrifices. He has been a faithful worker at all times, and no little share of the credit for the eventual success of the Order is due to the determination of Noble Millar that the beautiful work of the ritual and the lessons it inculcated should never be lost. When the shadows were darkest, he, with Dr. Fleming, Noble Paterson, and Noble McClenachan, threw himself into the breach and performed unwritten and unrecorded acts which stemmed the tides of indifference and opposition and kept the Order alive until the beauties of the ritual had sunk deeply into the hearts of other men of deep and loving minds, and they, too, united to upbuild the work, the foundations of which had been so well laid.

To the work of Florence, Fleming, Millar, and Paterson must be added that of Charles T. McClenachan, who has entered the Unseen Temple. It was to him that the work of Americanizing the ritual brought back by Florence was intrusted, with the incorporation therein of the ideas of modern humanity and charity as outlined by Dr. Fleming. The ritual stands to-day as a monument to Noble McClenachan, for had it not been for his liberal treatment in its translation many of the applications would have been lost entirely. In this work he was aided by Professor Albert S. Rawson, reference to which is made in another part of this work.

Geo F. Loder

GEORGE FRANKLIN LODER

Is affectionately termed the "Father of the Shrine." Had it not been for his energies, the Noble Order might have been still a small and intimate body confined to New York City. It was he who saw the great possibilities and the rare beauties of the Order, founded Genesee Temple in Rochester in 1872, the name of which was afterward changed to "Damascus," and paved the way for the spread of the Nobility from one American coast to the other, and the insular possessions.

Returning from New York with due authority, Noble Loder formed Genesee Temple, October 21, 1873, which was chartered as "Damascus Temple," in September, 1876. The following were his assistants: W. H. Bosworth, James Logan, Daniel T. Hunt, J. L. Brewster, D. W. Gatens, George Hamblet, Samuel R. Carter, W. H. Whiting, Owen Williams, Eli Leavenworth, Henry M. Plant, C. A. Brady, A. H. Vandenburg, William Davis, and Robert W. West. Seven of the original sixteen still survive. Mount Sinai Temple of Montpelier, Vt., was formed in 1875, and in New York, representatives of Mecca, Damascus, and Mount Sinai Temples, met and formed the Imperial Grand Council.

Noble Loder was elected Very Illustrious Deputy Grand Potentate, and ever since has given his energies to the Shrine. For many years he has been an *emeritus* member of the Imperial Council. It was he who embellished the original ritual brought from Egypt and Arabia, and the second and third sections of to-day are practically those written and arranged by Noble Loder. Damascus was the first temple to confer the Order of Nobility in full form, Mecca up to this time having confined its work to the first section, without costumes or dramatic setting. Thus, owing to Noble Loder, what was first intended as a social club for Knights Templar and Scottish Rite Masons, is to-day one of the most powerful, influential and respected of America's fraternal orders.

George Franklin Loder was born September 21, 1842, in the town of Irondequoit, N. Y., educated in the public schools and at Satterlee Institute. Noble Loder resides at 24 Audubon Street, Rochester, and his business address is 111 Reynolds Arcade.

He was made a Mason in Genesee Falls Lodge, and rose to be master; afterwards for many years being district deputy grand master of the 33d Masonic District. He was exalted in Hamilton Royal Arch Chapter, and received the cryptic degrees in Doric Council, Royal and Select Masters. He received the templar orders in Monroe Commandery, became in time an eminent commander, and in 1892-3 was grand commander of the State of New York. In the Scottish Rite also, he has been active, his membership being in Rochester Lodge of Perfection; Rochester Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix; and Rochester Consistory. He is a past lieutenant commander of the State of New York.

Noble Loder is a member of various other secret orders, but with the exception of the Elks, his energies have been devoted to Masonry. He is a past exalted ruler of Rochester Lodge and past deputy grand master. He is a member of the Masonic Club, the Rochester Yacht Club, and the Columbia Rifle Club.

In a business way, Noble Loder has been as active as in his fraternal work. Beginning in 1872, he was for many years engaged in the shoe manufacturing business, and since 1887 he has been at the head of the Loder Manufacturing Company. In politics he has always been a Republican, but he has not held office since 1870, when for two terms he was supervisor of the Seventh Ward of Rochester.

The man who was potentate of Damascus Temple for thirty years, a record probably not equalled by any other Noble in the land, still gives every possible moment of his time to the illustrious Order, and a ceremonial session of Damascus Temple is not complete without his able assistance. Likewise, at the sessions of the Imperial Council, his advice is always sought and his counsel always taken. His vigorous health, his enthusiasm, and his energy bid fair to keep him actively in the foreground of Shrine activities for many years to come.

History of the Fez

THE conventional uniform for Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is full evening dress with a red fez, usually bearing, in addition to the Crescent and Sphinx head embroidered in gold, the name of the temple. The fez may be worn at any time when the Shrine is in session or when regularly assembled for any occasion, such as a street parade or a theater party, or a ladies' night. It is also customary to wear it continuously during the sessions of the Imperial Council and during the time given up to the entertainment of the visiting Nobles by the city and temple which entertains the Imperial Council.

But the laws of the Imperial Council positively forbid the wearing of the fez at any other time. It can only be worn in the temple, or at strictly Shrine functions. Nobles should ever keep this well in mind.

The fez gets its name from its original place of manufacture, Fez (or Fas) in Morocco, to which pilgrimages were made by the Mohammedans about 980 A. D., when the pilgrimages to Mecca were interrupted by the Crusades, and those of the Moslem faith living west of the Nile journeyed to Fez as to the Holy City.

A manufacturer of that city supplied to the students of a great school there a scarlet tarboosh, which was the insignia of the school and the means by which the students were readily recognized. The fez, as the tarboosh came to be known by the pilgrims who carried away similar pieces of headwear, soon came to be worn all along the northern shores of Africa and gradually extended east of the Nile. It is to-day the headpiece of nearly every male resident of the Orient.

Noble John Worthington, United States Consul at Malta, and Representative of the Orders of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the Orient, went to considerable trouble to gather some interesting data regarding the fez, and wrote this letter to Noble Albert L. Rawson:

MALTA, MEDITERRANEAN SEA,
March 15, 1887.

MY DEAR SHAREEF AND MUNSHEE: During the past few years that I have had the honor and pleasure of representing the Mystic Shrine in this part of the Orient many inquiries have been made of me by visiting Nobles, and a great many more through the mail, as to a proper headdress for use by a Noble in the temple and in public during the celebration of any stated festival. Not being able to learn definitely what was necessary at this place, although we have a number of learned Mohammedans here, I sent a letter of inquiry to the ancient and formerly very holy city of Fez in Morocco. That name should be spelled Fas, for that is what the Imam here says it is, the Holy City Fas, from which the red cap was named. I inclose the answer, which is said to be in the Maugribee (western) dialect of Arabic, and exhibits to a considerable degree scholarship (Arabic, *arif)* and travel. There is a young Moslem here I named Ahmet Ibn Al Keef, who was born in Fez, and lived there until he was fifteen years old, when he made the pilgrimage to Mekkah as a companion to the governor of that city, from whom he parted company, on the return journey here, by the governor's permission, who says that he has often heard his father say that the red cap was for centuries the staple manufacture of the city, being made and sold in vast quantities. It was this young Arab who suggested my letter of inquiry. In our day these wool caps are made of white wool and shaped in Germany, Austria, and elsewhere, and sent to the Turkish dominions, where they are dyed red. The Arab dyers keep the secret of using scarlet in dyeing wool, for their goods never fade, while the imitations almost always lose their color. But here is the letter:

(Translation)

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, COMPASSIONATE, MERCIFUL

To His Excellency the Cid, Consul for the United States of North America, American born, dwelling in the city of Valetta, in the Island of Malta.

GREETING: I have had the honor and pleasure of receiving from the hands and by the courtesy of the Imam of Meqainez, who was returning from Tangiers, a letter from your lordship, inquiring about the headdress of the faithful. To this I take pleasure in forwarding in writing such information as is now in my keeping.

The city of Fez (correctly written Fas) was founded by Shareef Edris II, A. H. 195 (A. D. 793), and was an independent State until A. H. 956 (A. D. 1548), when it was absorbed by Morocco. When pilgrimages to Mekkah were interrupted by the Christian warriors in the fourth century A. H. 356 (A. D. 980), the Mohammedans west of the Nile journeyed to Fez, as to a Holy City, and to this day no one but the faithful to Allah is permitted to enter the city proper without special permission from the authorities. Fez early became a seat of learning, drawing pupils and scholars from all parts of the Mohammedan world. Its manufactures were important from the first, and included jewelry, gold and silver cloth, silks, gauzes, sashes, carpets, headdresses *(haik)*, and tarbooshes, which were soon known as fezes, so named from the city. Caravans carried the goods in every direction, even as far as Timbuctoo in the south. The fez was dyed scarlet for the use of the students in the many colleges, but as it became a mark of learning in favor of the wearer it gradually displaced all other forms and colors, and became the peculiar headdress of the Moslem in all parts of the empire. The Turkish name is Kalpak. Arabs also call it Beritha, Bernetta, and Shemreer, but the classic term is Emameh. Some of the Maugreebs use the name Terbanti, and it is from this that Spanish, French, and other Europeans (giaours) came to call it turban. Red or scarlet is the only orthodox color for the fez, while the outer covering may be of any color or combination of colors, according to the rank and dignity of the wearer.

The custom of the various sects of dervishes is to adopt a certain form and color of headdress, which may not include the fez, with or without an outer wrap. There is in this city, in the White district, or New City, a company of the faithful who say they are Shareefs, and descendants in a direct line from Mohammed (Allah favor and preserve him!). The head of that body is learned in all things established by the Prophet (whose name be praised), and, if your associates are of the same Order in the faith, he would gladly give you every information desired. His honored and respected name is Mahmood Ben Hassan Al Haj.

A white cotton cap is worn inside of the fez as a protection to it from perspiration, and the various oily dressings of the head in the barber shop. This cap is called Takeeyeh, and is sometimes stitched in a very ornate style.

When the fez is covered by cloth of different colors as a means of distinguishing various orders and classes in society, the Imam affects a very large white turban, and the student of theology or law a smaller one: the doctor, one of figured muslin, made very formal in front by crossing the folds carefully; the merchant, a small white or figured wrap, or a cashmere shawl, not too large; and Jews are required to use blue only or none.

Many families in the early years of Mohammedan rule adopted a certain color or style of turban, or emameh, which has been continued by their descendants to the present. The descendants of Mohammed chose green as the color for Shareefs. (If any wrap is used about the fez in the temple, it should, according to this account, be green.— J. W.) In A. H. 778 (A. D. 1376), Shareefs were ordered to wear dresses of green also. Now only Shareefs of undoubted pedigree are permitted to wear green, while all others of the faithful must earn that privilege by a pilgrimage to the Kaabah and the Holy Hill Arafat.

Workmen wear white, gray, brown,— any color except green or blue, but of very small size.

Ornaments are proper only for persons of rank and dignity, in the service of the government, or professors of science and art.

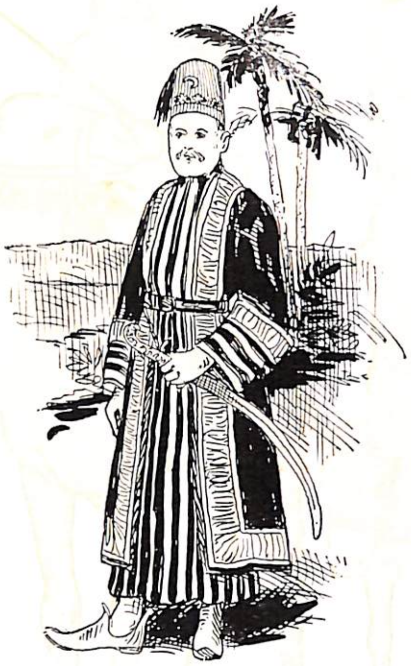
I hope to have the honor of a letter from you at some future day not far off.

Beginning of Awwal, 1304 A. H. (November, 1886).

This is written at Fez by my desire and according to my intention.

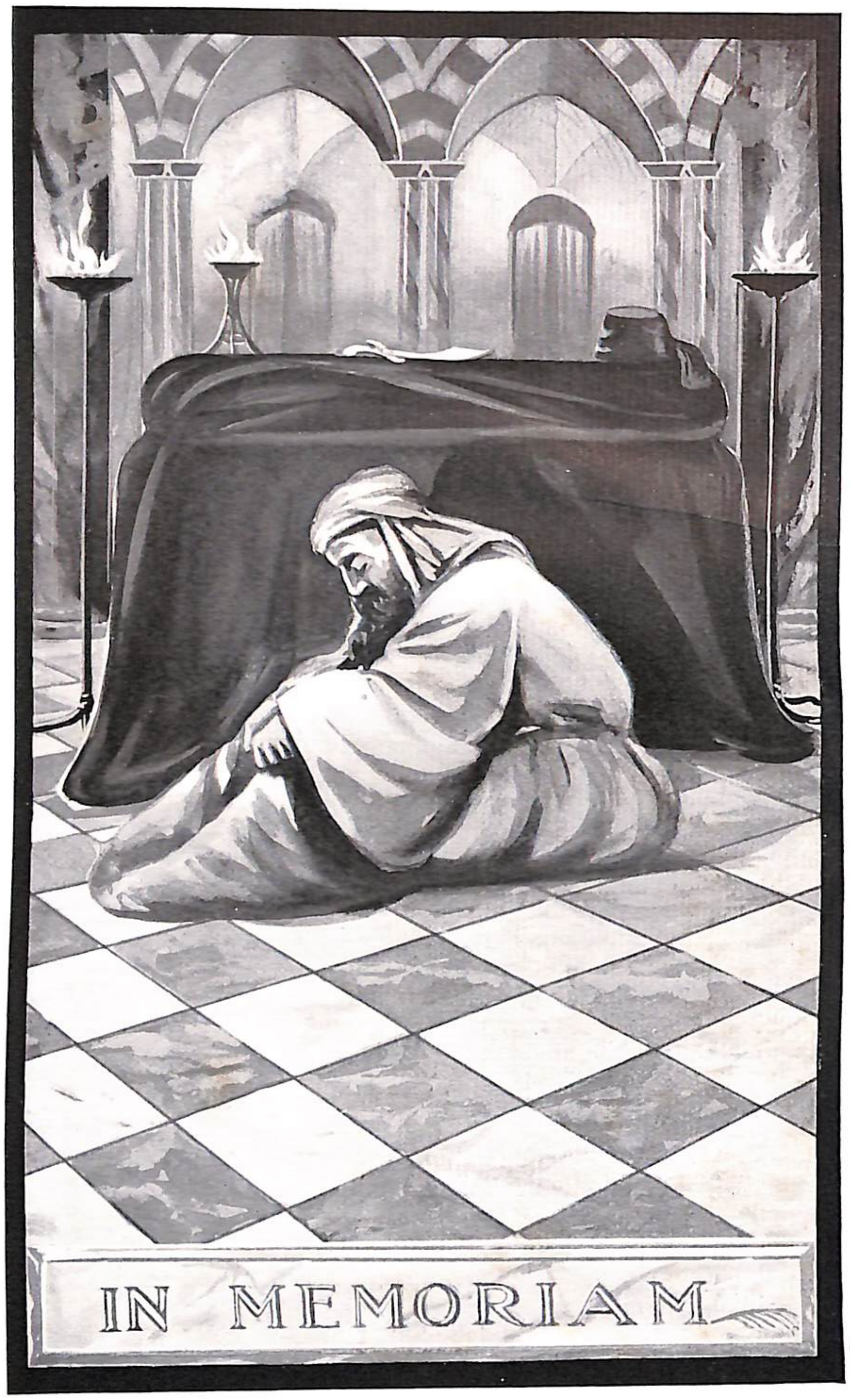
HOSAYN IBN BEZZAN.

Noble Worthington adds that he wrote to Noble Hassan Al Haj, but did not receive any answer.



Fez, the holy city of the empire and one of the three residences of the Sultan, is the leading commercial town of Morocco, with mostly a wholesale trade. Its leathers are esteemed the finest and most durable made in North Africa. It is the seat of the once renowned University of Morocco. The red caps or fezes, for which it was once noted, are now made chiefly in Austria, France and Turkey. The golden days of Fez began in the ninth century and continued until about the thirteenth. It was then celebrated as paradise, says a writer in the *National Geographic Magazine*. Around the city were splendid gardens of rarest fruits. The soil, watered by a thousand streams, was of extraordinary fertility. Its numerous schools, libraries and famous university attracted students even from Europe. The climate, its fruits and flowers, its fountains and wells, its verdure and beauty, caused the city to enjoy a reputation unique in Islam, but its glory has departed.

"Yon rising Moon that looks for those again—
How oft hereafter will she wax and wane:
How oft hereafter rising look for those
Through their own Temple—and for those in vain:
Yet for those who have entered the Eternal Shrine,
Lost are the tears we shed:
They are . . living, ...
Whom thus we call the dead."



"In Memoriam we raise
Loving tribute to our friend:
While we speak in grateful praise,
Let our voices gently blend:
For the Craftsman's work is o'er,
Strife and storm of life is past:
Now upon the further shore
Stands the Veteran at last.

Mourning Ceremonies

When a man dies, they who survive him ask, What property has he left behind? The Angel, who bends over the dying man, asks,—What good deeds has he sent before him?—The Koran.

THE question has often arisen as to the proper wording of mourning proclamations and of mourning ceremonies. The following mandate and synopsis of memorial ceremonies observed in 1886, issued by Imperial Potentate Walter M. Fleming, may be taken as models, they having been observed in the case of the death of Noble Mahmoud Pasha El Falaki, Grand Shareef, who died in Cairo, where he had long been a devoted, faithful member of the Mystic Shrine, and whose body now rests in the family vault in Iman Chaffrai Cemetery, which was finished just on the eve of his death at the age of seventy-five years. On the very evening of the death of this noted Shareef he had been conversing with a friend upon the affairs of the Order, recounting the chief points of an historical paper he was about to produce relating to the Shrine of Sinai, in southern Syria, during the stirring and bitter years of its struggle for the perpetuity of its ancient rites against the fanatic Kurds of the twelfth century.

'His funeral was attended by hundreds of mourners, many of them being Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, including His Excellency Sidki Pasha, Aid-de-camp to the Khedive, who represented His Highness; His Excellency Alee Pasha Shareef, their Excellencies the Ministers, the heads of government departments, the pupils of the government schools. At the tomb His Excellency Noble Dr. Abbata Pasha delivered an eloquent and touching eulogy.

The death of Noble Mahmoud Pasha was officially reported by Noble John Worthington, United States Consul at Malta, and the representative of the Imperial Council in the near East. His splendid tribute appears in the published Proceedings of the Imperial Council for 1886.

The Imperial Potentate issued, January 4, 1886, the following:

EDICT OF SORROW

Nobility of the Mystic Shrine

Proclamation emanating from the Congress of the Imperial Councils of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, United States of America, to all Illustrious Potentates, Rabbans, and Noble Shareefs throughout the jurisdiction of the Western Hemisphere.

AFFLICTION!—DISTRESS!—SORROW!

Illustrious Noble Ali Mahmoud Pasha El Falaki, Grand Shareef al Muhazzi of Al Kaheerah Temple, Cairo, Egypt, under domain of the Crescent, is dead.

This renowned savant of the Order Bektasheeyeh, of Mystic Shrine, is officially announced departed to the Unseen Temple. Therefore ye, the Official Corps extant, Imperial and Subordinate, are hereby commanded for the full term of the next three crescent moons after this mandate, within the Mystic Sanctuaries of the Shrine, in accordance with the ancient Oriental custom, to drape your altars and tombs with the insignia of mourning; and let the symbolic funeral urn be placed upon the sacred Black Stone, there to exhale incense during all ceremonials, and inscribe upon your temple records notice of the same, in obedience to Supreme Decree.

WALTER M. FLEMING,
Imperial Potentate.

W. S. PATERSON,
Imperial Recorder.

The synopsis prepared by the Most Illustrious Imperial Potentate for the observance of the memorial ceremonies is as below:

SYNOPSIS OF RITUALISTIC ESOTERIC MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES OF THE SHRINE

In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate!

DIRECTION FOR THE LAMENTATION—"SHIKAYAT"

Memorial Ceremonials for the Noble, the Shayk, the Shareef, the Exalted, the Welee,

This dedicated and set apart in honor of the memory of

MAHMOUD PASHA EL FALAKI,

Shareef al Muhazzi of Al Kaheerah Temple, Cairo, Egypt, who was called to the Unseen Temple—to Paradise (*"Jannat"*)—at the close of the day, 21st of the Arabic month Safar, 1303 A. H. (A. D. 1885, November 29), grown aged and laden with honors and virtues. He was the Director of the Bektasheeyeh, Honorary Member of the Sons of Alee, affiliate of the Order of the Pillar of Faith, Professor at College El Azhar, Pensioner of the Ancient Foundation for Learned Men, Fellow of the Society of Ancient Archæologists, Member of Khedival Academy, the learned Doctor in Ancient and Sacred Law, the favored of Heaven.

GUIDE FOR THE SHIKAWA—(Exalted Shareefs)

They who swerve not from propriety nor the right way, the way of duty, of love, and of reverence for the good, for such are the receivers of Divine favors, and are the blessed of Allah, and of such elect hold we our departed Shareef.

Emanating from the Noble Shareef Sultani of the Western Hemisphere, N. M. S.

TO ALL ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATES, RABBANS, AND NOBLE SHAREEFS THROUGHOUT THE JURISDICTION

SALUTATION—BLESSING—SYMPATHY—("JAZEBEEYAH")

To the end that we may share in the mercies and blessings bestowed by Allah, on all the faithful and pure, such as are received into Paradise, the abode of the Prophet (Allah favor and preserve him!), we hereby direct that the Ancient Observances, selected from the book entitled "Pearls of Faith," relating to solemn lamentations for the dead, be carefully followed.

MOURNING CEREMONIES

SECTION A. — "ZATEE ASHAYA"

PERSONAL OBSERVANCES

Officiating Nobles will adopt the Special Title "Shakee" ("Lamenters")

1. Officiating Shareef's observance of *Sacred Ablution* in compliance with text of Sacred Numbers, the "*Seven Initial*" days of the "Ninety-nine" days of grief.

PREPARATORY

2. Purification *("Tatheer"):* The mental Oblation to Deity.
3. Submission *("Iltamas"):* Oral supplication on retirement from Ablution.
4. Prohibition *("Babush"):* *Unshodden,* repeat the "*Tarheen*" from the Koran.
5. Humility: Personal observance of Garb and Toilet.
6. Reverence: Observation at Sunset.
7. Faith: Supplication. Allah. Paradise.

The Appointed Hour — The Sanctuaries — The Ceremonials.

Personal Cares and Duties. Due respect to the ancient requirements of the Koran and "Pearls of Faith." "Penance." "Sacrifice." The Hair. The Nails. The Feet. The Raiment. *The Piastres of Charity.* The Silk and Sackcloth. Fourth line of Sixth Chapter of the Koran. "Gratification." "He created you of the Dust." Orisons at Sunrise, in the Mosque. The "Yateem" (the Orphans' Fee). The Book of the Indulged. The Calendars. The Diet ("Koot wa Shurb"). "Drink not of the shameful before the sun has sunken in the west." Forget not the Armalah ("Widows' Fee"). Offer no coin in charity of forbidden date, nor bestow with thy *right hand* in days of affliction.

SECTION B. — "MAJMAH UMARAY"

ASSEMBLY OF THE DISCIPLES OF THE TEMPLE (NOBLES)

Enrollment and position in the Crescent of 33 and the Circle of 99. The lines of the forty-two Judges. The Bearers of the Ninety-nine Sacred Names of Allah. The Actives, the Emeriti, the Deputies. The Selected Motto from the Koran. "The nine days of ascent." The transition of the soul. The observance of Sowing of Salt and Fennel Seed. The midnight Crescent of the chosen 13. The trial of the soul, before the two angels "*Moonkeer*" and "*Nekeer.*" The record of life. Recitation (mental), Sixth Chapter of Koran. Recitations in honor of the Noble Dead, now of Aaraf. The soul passing "Aaraf," — the equidistant poise 'twixt Paradise and Al Hotama.

KORAN, Chapter VII, 99th line of Chapter "Aaraf": "Such as shall have done good works, according to their power, shall dwell eternally in Paradise." The Vase of Deadly Nightshade *(Flowering Belladonna).*

The Amulet, "Zayfaran" *(Saffron Flower)* — Protective Element. "Annoint with Oil of Spike and of Roses," only at the appointed time. Propitiate the Lord of the middle region *(between the Earth and the Moon)* with Incense of Gum Benzoin and fragrant Myrrh. "The Voyage by Night," from the Circle of 99. KORAN, Chapter 17, "of Mohammed."

SECTION C. — "THE KADDISHEEN"

Or, Combined Circles and Crescents, with the Imperial Shayk, shall represent each and every day of the Sacred Year, and thus recite the "Tekbeesh." The sacred responses. The 99 Holy Names of Deity. The "Fathah" *(First chapter of Koran).* The "Tekmil" *(Perfection).* "Kuroob" *(Griefs).* The "Tassalee" *(Consolations).* The protection of virtues. "*Nasoof al Layal*" *(The midnight lament).* Purification of *forbidden* raiment by Water and by Fire. "Perfume thy righteous Gaberdine with Civet" *("Zabad").* "With the sacred names of Allah (99 *written*), and of triangular fold of fabric, girded with the cord of green, next thy heart and skin, and armed with Faith, thou shall prove invulnerable to infirmity, disease, or misfortune," for "Al Khaleek al Bakey" *("He is the Creator, the Everlasting").*

APOTHEOSIS

"*The Inevitable,*" "The rending asunder," of Al Koran, and the final individualization of the soul. "*Sayodjyam,*" the transformation only possible through death. The recognition of Allah the Most High. The officials, although clad in steel, gold, and glory, shall bow down, in reverence and humility, and proclaim that "Allah is God," the Merciful and Compassionate.

Our most glorious attributes are to be exemplified, acquitting ourselves of all temporal thoughts, and preparing, at any sacrifice, to expiate all sin; elucidating the embodiment and personification of the "great Islam," with Pageants, Zaims, Defenders, Retinue, and wailing Dervishes in Sandalled feet, amid the sweet perfumes of Arabia's incense, from the swinging censers and altars of sacrifice, accompanied by fervent music, deep, sad, austere, in weird and mystic melody; and the earnestness and sincerity of the devotion should be so absolute as to render the sanctuary of the Shrine a Temple of Purity, acceptable even for the presence of "Allah" "The Most High."

Thus shall ye teach that Powers Supreme govern our destinies. Admonish your disciples to respect every religion, even if believing none, and give assurance that a noble heart may throb alike in the breast of Arab, Christian, Greek, or Turk. Exemplify the attributes of Toleration, Truth, and Justice. War against fanaticism and superstition, and demonstrate retribution. Welcome to your altars all duly qualified, enlightened men, who believe in God, without regard to nativity or faith, ever remembering our attributes, as ancient as the corner stone of Mohammed's Temple at Mecca, as secret as the Moslem Oath that binds the Tribes of Africa to "Allah," or their God, which are derived from the deep, mysterious legends of the Koran.

THUS DO WE APPEAL!

Given under Hand and Seal, this first day of the Arabic month Rabih ul Akhir, A. H. 1303 (January 7, A. D. 1886).

WALTER M. FLEMING,
Imperial Potentate.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON,
Imperial Recorder.

It is related in the records that honor to the departed was exemplified in the splendor of the commemoration made by all the temples. In Mecca Temple the altar was draped with a rich pall, behind which stood a symbolic Egyptian tomb. In the East rested a catafalque, on which were laid the purple regalia and scimiter of a Past Potentate of the Order. Vases with emblematical flowers stood in appropriate places. The Grand Potentate was richly arrayed, and the other officers were clad in garments of more or less gorgeousness. The Nobles wore black gowns and fezes. The rites, which were long and elaborate, consisted chiefly of readings from the Koran and the Book called "Pearls of Faith," interspersed with solemn music, the burning of incense, and other symbolical observances peculiar to the Order.

A Memory

"Farewell, be it ours to embellish thy pillow
With everything beauteous that grows in the deep:
Each flower of the rock and each gem of the billow
Shall sweeten thy bed and illumine thy sleep.

"Around thee shall glisten the loveliest amber
That ever the sorrowing seabird has wept:
With many a shell in whose hollow-wreathed chamber
The Peris of Ocean by moonlight have slept.

"We'll dive where the gardens of coral lie darkling,
And plant all the rosiest stems at thy head:
We'll seek where the sands of the Caspian are sparkling,
And gather their treasures to strew o'er thy bed.

"Farewell—farewell—until pity's sweet fountain
Is lost in the hearts of the good and the brave:
They'll sigh for MAHOMET who came to the MOUNTAIN,
And treasure the mem'ries, his presence there gave."

# EXTRACTS
FROM THE
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF

مجلس السلطاني

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

الخوية قديم عربى

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

اشراف المسجيد سرّي

FOR NORTH AMERICA

لاجل اميريكا شمالي

Revised to May 1, 1912

Being portions applicable
to Subordinate Temples

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME AND POWERS

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as stated.

SEC. 2. It has power to enact Laws, Statutes, and Regulations for the government of the whole Order; to issue Edicts; to amend or repeal the same; to grant dispensations and charters for holding Temples of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within its jurisdiction; and to amend or revoke the same. Its authority also extends to such Temples as may be organized under its dispensations or charters in foreign countries.

SEC. 3. It has the exclusive right to control all the subordinate Temples of the Order within its jurisdiction. It may censure, suspend, and erase Temples; and try, discipline, suspend, or expel its members for violation and disobedience.

SEC. 4. It is the body to which all final appeals shall be made.

ARTICLE II

SESSIONS

SECTION 1. The Imperial Council shall meet annually.

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SEC. 2. Special sessions may be called by the Imperial Potentate in any emergency, at any time and place in his discretion, or, when requested by fifty Representatives to this Imperial Council. * * *

SEC. 3. Fifty Representatives, forty of whom shall be Representatives of separate Temples, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 1. Representation in the Imperial Council shall be apportioned as follows: To every Temple * * * there shall be one Representative, who must be a member of the Temple electing him. Each Temple shall be entitled to two Representatives when its membership reaches three hundred, three Representatives when its membership reaches four hundred, and four Representatives when its membership reaches six hundred; but no Temple shall be allowed more than four Representatives.

SEC. 2. The Representatives shall be chosen as follows: Each Temple shall, at the regular annual election of officers, elect by ballot, and by a majority vote. * * *

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of the Imperial Council shall be as follows, viz:

I. Imperial Potentate.
II. Deputy Imperial Potentate.
III. Imperial Chief Rabban.
IV. Imperial Assistant Rabban.
V. Imperial High Priest and Prophet.
VI. Imperial Oriental Guide.
VII. Imperial Treasurer.
VIII. Imperial Recorder.
IX. Imperial First Ceremonial Master.
X. Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, or Standard Bearer.
XI. Imperial Marshal.
XII. Imperial Captain of the Guard.
XIII. Imperial Outer Guard.

SEC. 3. The officers of the Imperial Council and of every subordinate Temple in the jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective duties, shall take the following obligation:

"I [name in full], do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts of the Imperial Council for North America."

ARTICLE X

PREREQUISITES FOR THE ORDER

SECTION 1. No application for the Order shall be received unless the applicant is a regular Knight Templar in good standing in a Commandery, or a thirty-second degree Mason in good standing in a Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the obedience of either of the Supreme Councils for the Northern or for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of such Rite in the United States, and those Supreme Councils which are in amity with and recognized by them. Each application for the Order shall be made upon the form of petition provided by the Imperial Council. * * *

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE III

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

SECTION 1. Past Imperial Potentates and Representatives shall be entitled to mileage at the rate of six cents per mile, one way, by the shortest available route from the location of their Temples to the place of session or the Imperial Council, and *per diem* expenses at the rate of fifteen dollars for each day they are in attendance at the session of the Imperial Council. Such expenses to be paid out of the general funds of the Imperial Council.

SEC. 2. The Imperial Treasurer shall pay each Representative entitled to mileage and *per diem.* * * *

ARTICLE X

INITIATION FEE

SECTION 1. The Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine shall not be conferred upon any one for a less sum than fifty ($50) dollars; but Temples may increase the amount if desired.

ARTICLE XI

FEES AND REVENUES

SECTION 1. The revenue of the Imperial Council shall be derived from the following sources: * * *

SEC. 2. Each subordinate Temple shall pay to the Imperial Council the sum of two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) for each and every candidate receiving the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine within such Temple, which sum shall be forwarded immediately to the Imperial Recorder, who shall forthwith issue a diploma of the Imperial Council to each and every candidate.

The Imperial Recorder shall, upon the request of the Recorder of any Temple, issue to every member who joins a Temple by affiliation a diploma, free of charge, upon the return to the Imperial Recorder of the diploma issued by the temple in which the affiliate received the Order.

Sec. 3. Each subordinate temple shall pay annually to the Imperial Council, in accordance with its membership, the following sum:

For 100 members or less, fifteen dollars ($15).

For all members over and above 100 members, fifteen cents for each member.

The dues shall accompany the annual return of every temple to the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XII

RITUAL

Section 1. The ritual, as promulgated by the Imperial Council for the use of the Order in its jurisdiction, shall be adopted uniformly by every temple, and no alterations or additions shall be made in the Ritual, except by authority of the Imperial Council, and every departure therefrom will be considered as an indignity to the same.

ARTICLE XIII

REGALIA, EMBLEMS, AND JEWELS

Section 1. The emblems, jewels, and costumes for every office in this Order, as promulgated by the Imperial Council, in its Ritual, shall be strictly adhered to.

Sec. 2. The red Turkish fez is adopted as a uniform style of head covering for all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Sec. 3. The emblems and jewels of the Mystic Shrine are the characteristic insignia of the Oriental nation from which the Order emanates. They are the crescent, pyramid, sphinx head, panther-bodied female sphinx, the urn, sun, moon, stars, etc., and are used to decorate the tombs, banners, draperies, costumes, regalia, etc. In mourning drapery the combination is the sun with rays, moon and stars.

Sec. 4. Crescent. The original and universal emblematic jewel is the crescent, formed of two nails from a tiger's paw, united at their bases with a band of gold, and a ring at the base to suspend it as a charm or jewel, to be hung points downward. The gold band should be decorated with the sphinx head on one side, a pyramid with the urn upon it on the other; the name of the owner, and the date of his receiving the Order, engraved upon the sides; and inside the circle "Allah" or God, and the motto of the Order, which is "Robur et Furor," and signifies: "Strength and Fury." Every noble of the Mystic Shrine is entitled to wear this jewel. *The combining of the emblems of other secret orders with the Jewel of the Shrine is deemed inappropriate, and is therefore prohibited.*

Sec. 5. The wearing of the fez and jewel of the Order on occasions other than meetings of the temples of the Arabic Order, or gatherings of Shriners under the authority of some legal body of the Order, is ill-advised, and potentates are expected to prevent such action by their members.

ARTICLE XIV

Section 1. The Imperial Recorder shall, at each annual session of the Imperial Council, announce the color of the card for the visiting certificate, and the color of the ink with which it shall be printed for the following year. He shall also send to the recorder of each temple a notice of the announcement, and all temples are hereby ordered to adopt the same.

ARTICLE XV.

(Substituted by the following:)

IMPROPER CIRCULARS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRACTICES

"The Imperial Council emphatically condemns all immoral and vulgar practices or allusions to the initiations of candidates, or in the printed notices issued by temples to members of the Order.

"The potentate, or presiding officer for the time being, of each temple, shall be held personally responsible for not immediately arresting any attempt at vulgarity or obscenity.

"No potentate or recorder of a temple shall furnish to anyone a list of names of members of his temple, for the purpose of having the members circularized, or solicited for business purposes; nor shall any temple issue appeals for aid to any Nobles, not members of said temple, unless they bear the indorsement of the Imperial Potentate. No potentate or recorder shall issue with any official notice of the temple, or as a part thereof, any announcement or advertising matter of a purely business character which has not been authorized by vote of said temple, or which does not bear the indorsement of the Imperial Potentate.

"For any violation of this law, the Imperial Potentate may suspend the offending officer, or the work of that temple, until the next session of the Imperial Council.

CODE

ARTICLE II.

JURISDICTION OF TEMPLES

Section 1. The territorial jurisdiction of subordinate temples, chartered by this Imperial Council, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the nearest temple, *provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the state, territory, or district in which it is located; *provided*, also, that temples occupying the same state or territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within, or in equitable division of their territory, should they so desire. * * *

Sec. 2. A temple shall not act upon a petition for initiation of any one residing within the jurisdiction of another temple, without first obtaining permission of such temple. It shall be competent in such cases for a temple to waive its jurisdiction and permit another temple to confer the Order upon one residing within its jurisdiction; and such authority shall be given only under the seal of the temple so granting it. Temples having concurrent jurisdiction must notify each other of all petitions received. It shall be the duty of the Imperial Potentate to suspend the work of any temple violating the provisions of this section until the next meeting of the Imperial Council.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2

FEMALE ORGANIZATIONS

"No temple shall organize or recognize, in any way, any body of women, or men and women, calling itself an "Oriental Shrine," or purporting to be an Oriental order, and to be composed of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and female relatives of such, and making such relationship the requisite for membership in such body."

Sec. 3. A candidate having been elected in a temple, it is within the power of that temple to ask, under seal, another temple to confer the Order upon the candidate as a compliment to the temple making the request. * * *

Sec. 4. Each temple is sovereign in its own jurisdiction, whether under dispensation or chartered, and no applicant, actually resident in such jurisdiction, can apply elsewhere for the Order without the consent of the temple. Where two temples hold concurrent jurisdiction over territory, the consent of both must be necessary to enable an applicant of that jurisdiction to become a member of a temple in any other jurisdiction. A temple having received a petition from one possessing the necessary qualifications and having regularly elected the candidate, retains jurisdiction over him until initiation, no matter whether said candidate subsequently removes from its jurisdiction or not.

CEREMONIAL SESSIONS NOT TO BE HELD ELSEWHERE THAN AT ESTABLISHED OASIS

"Section 5.—Temples may open and confer the Order at any place within their jurisdiction, notice being given of such intent, and candidates having previously been elected; but no other business can be transacted at such sessions except the preliminaries toward conferring the Order, except where two or more temples hold concurrent jurisdiction, in which case all ceremonial sessions must be held at the city or town in which the temple is permanently located.

"A temple may hold a ceremonial session in States and territories where no temples exist, provided they obtain a special dispensation from the Imperial Potentate empowering them to so do."

Sec. 6. Each temple is sovereign in its own jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and has jurisdiction for purposes of discipline over all sojourning Nobles. No organization of any kind using emblems of the Order, or a title or titles, pronouncing it to be an organization of Shriners, shall be organized in the jurisdiction of a temple except with the official sanction of said temple. * * *

ARTICLE III

SUBORDINATE TEMPLES—HOW CONSTITUTED

Section 1. All regular subordinate bodies of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, are termed temples, and shall consist of the following officers:

I. Illustrious Potentate—Shayk
II. Chief Rabban—Emeer
III. Assistant Rabban—Sahib
IV. High Priest and Prophet—Imam
V. Oriental Guide—Ayn
VI. Treasurer—Chayzin
VII. Recorder—Katib
VIII. First Ceremonial Master—Wakil
IX. Second Ceremonial Master, or Standard Bearer—Alam
X. Director—Malah
XI. Marshal—Amal
XII. Captain of the Guard—Rays
XIII. Outer Guard—Hafiz

and as many members as the temple may admit.

The first seven officers shall be elected annually by ballot. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Illustrious Potentate.

A quorum in a temple consists of seven members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the body.

ARTICLE IV

ENTHRONEMENT

Section 1. Previous to the enthronement of a potentate-elect, the Imperial Council requires his assent to the following ordinances:

First. Do you solemnly vow, upon your honor, that you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine?

Second. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order and preserve the solemnity of the ceremonies with profound respect and reverence?

Third. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any temple which does not work under constitutional authority as recognized by the Imperial Council?

Fourth. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the Imperial Council for North America, and enforce obedience to its constitution, regulations, and edicts?

Do you submit to all these ordinances and promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

ARTICLE V

ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE—DUTIES

Section 1. The Illustrious Potentate is specially charged to see that the by-laws of his temple are duly observed, as well as the constitution, regulations, and edicts of the Imperial Council; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Imperial Council, and that the annual dues are promptly paid; and that no fewer than two stated sessions are held annually, of which one shall be held in December. He shall see that a copy of each printed notice issued by his temple to its members shall be mailed to the Imperial Potentate as soon as the same is sent to the members of his temple.

Sec. 2. Special sessions of a temple may be called by the Illustrious Potentate at any time, due notice thereof being given to each member, stating the business to be considered, and no other business than that specified in the call or summons shall be transacted.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS OF TEMPLES — DUTIES

Section 1. The duties of the officers of the temples shall be those assigned to them in the ritual, and as traditionally appropriate to them respectively, as also those defined in the constitution and regulations.

Sec. 2. The Potentate, Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban cannot resign, after having been duly elected and installed, but upon the death or removal from the jurisdiction of the potentate of any temple a special election may be held to fill the vacancy, and any other vacancy or vacancies that may occur, by virtue of any officer being promoted, provided satisfactory explanation shall have first been made to, and dispensation secured from, the Imperial Potentate for said election. Any other officer of a temple may resign his office. No member can be forced to accept an election to an office.

ARTICLE VII

BALLOT ON CANDIDATES

Section 1. If, upon the balloting for a candidate, subsequent to a favorable report, three black balls shall appear, another ballot shall immediately be had, but no more. Upon the appearance of three black balls a second time, the candidate shall be declared rejected and disqualified from making a second application for thirteen weeks.

Sec. 2. After a candidate has been declared elected, any subsequent objection or protest must be filed in writing, signed by at least three members of the body, and must stand. Said objection shall be entered upon the minutes and shall have the same force and effect as a second ballot, and shall prevent a reconsideration of the matter for thirteen weeks.

ARTICLE VIII

DECISION OF QUESTIONS

Section 1. All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes.

SEC. 2. The presiding officer shall have no vote unless there be a tie, when he shall have the deciding vote.

SEC. 3. No appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate shall lie to the temple. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate to the Imperial Potentate, whose decision shall stand until the same shall be revoked or approved by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XI

BY-LAWS

Each temple is required to forward a copy of its by-laws, or any amendments thereto, to the Imperial Council for approval, and also when such approval has been received, to forward to the Imperial Council a copy of such by-laws or the amendments thereto, but no by-laws, or amendments thereto, of any temple shall go into effect until after the same has been approved by the Imperial Council, provided that the Imperial Potentate may provisionally approve such by-laws as amended thereto in the interim of the sessions of the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XII.

MEMBERSHIP IN TEMPLES

SECTION 1. Any person applying for the Order to any temple shall be an actual resident for at least six months of the jurisdiction of the temple to which he applies. Actual residence is defined to mean the place where the applicant in good faith makes his home; any temple of the Order may, however, receive and act upon the petition of one who is a resident of a county, territory, or State, wherein no temple of the Order exists. Membership may be terminated by voluntary dimission upon payment of all indebtedness to the Temple, or by expulsion from the Order after due trial, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken.

"A Noble can hold active membership in but one temple. In order to retain membership in a temple, a Noble must be in good standing in one or the other of the two prerequisite Masonic bodies, a commandery of the Order of Knights Templar, or a consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and so long as he is in good standing in one or the other of these bodies, his membership in the temple is not affected by any action of the other prerequisite body in depriving him of membership in that body.

"Should a Noble become non-affiliated in the one prerequisite body upon which his membership in the Shrine is based, by reason of his taking a dimit, he must make an effort to reaffiliate with a prerequisite body of the same Rite within six months from the date of his withdrawal, otherwise he shall be deprived of his membership in his temple by reason of said voluntary non-affiliation. If the noble makes an effort to affiliate during the six months' period of his non-affiliation with the prerequisite body, and is rejected, then his non-affiliation is not voluntary, and his membership in his temple is not affected thereby. He must, however, make an effort to become affiliated during each six months' period of his non-affiliation with the prerequisite body.

"When a temple learns in an official manner that one of its members, by reason of his non-affiliation for six months or more, is not in good standing in at least one of the Masonic bodies, membership in which is a prerequisite to membership in the Shrine, then the temple shall notify the member so charged that he must appear in the temple, or give evidence to the temple, at its first stated session thereafter, that the non-affiliation is not voluntary on his part. Should he fail to do this, then he shall be declared suspended from all his rights and benefits of membership in the temple, until he removed the cause of his suspension.

"No dimit can be granted to a noble accused of violation of the laws of the Order pending his trial. No temple can withhold a dimit from a Noble who is free from charges and indebtedness to the temple. A dimit is a certificate that the Noble named therein is in good standing and of good repute and recommended as such to other temples. A temple may issue a duplicate dimit to a Noble, but must satisfy itself that the Noble asking for it is still in good repute."

SEC. 3. Affiliation is a matter solely between the applicant and the temple to which he applies. A Noble of the Mystic Shrine, holding a dimit from a legal temple, may present his petition to any temple of the Order.

SEC. 4. A Noble of the Mystic Shrine, who, for any cause is suspended or expelled by his commandery or consistory, stands suspended or expelled, as the case may be, in his temple, until restored to good standing in his commandery or consistory, when he shall be restored to good standing in his temple without the vote of that body.

He shall not be charged with dues to the temple during the period of his suspension.

SEC. 5. A member may be suspended for non-payment of dues, or suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

To suspend for non-payment of dues, a majority vote only of the members present at any regular meeting shall be necessary, provided notice has been given to the delinquent member that he is in arrears and an opportunity afforded him to be present.

For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend membership, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present to expel a member at any regular meeting.

No member of any temple can be suspended or expelled for conduct unbecoming a member, without formal charges being presented, notice served upon him, and an opportunity afforded him to be heard in his defense.

SEC. 6. Any Noble suspended or expelled by his temple may be reinstated by such temple on written petition and vote and by the same majority suspending or expelling him, and on payment of all arrearages in case of suspension for non-payment of dues.

ARTICLE XIII

VISITORS TO TEMPLES

SECTION 1. Any member of a temple may object to the presence in his (objector's) own temple, of any visiting member of the Order should he desire to do so.

SEC. 2. A Noble cannot visit any other temple than his own, except he exhibit to the temple which he desires to visit, a certificate, signed by the recorder of his own temple and bearing the seal thereof, that such Noble is in good and regular standing. * * *

ARTICLE XIV

HONORARY MEMBERS

SECTION 1. Honorary membership may be conferred by subordinate temples upon any member of the Order, as a compliment, by a majority vote, but such membership confers no rights or privileges.

ARTICLE XV

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Every temple shall annually elect officers and its representative or representatives to the Imperial Council by ballot, and by a majority vote at a stated session to be held in December, and the installation of officers shall take place immediately or at its first succeeding session. The use of a blanket ballot for the election of officers and representatives is prohibited.

If a public installation of officers be deemed desirable, the officers-elect must take the oath of office in the body of the temple when properly guarded, and prior to the public ceremony of installation. * * *

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII

FEMALE PATROLS

"No temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine can organize a female patrol, or any uniformed body of women, and introduce the same into the temple at a ceremonial session, or permit such organization to parade, drill or appear in public under the auspices of the temple, or by its authority."

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII

"In the annual parade of the temples of the Order, at meetings of the Imperial Council, or in parades given under the auspices of subordinate temples of the Order, no one shall be permitted to participate in the parade but members of the Order, uniformed bands and male servants accompanying temples."

TEMPLE HEADQUARTERS AND HOSPITALITY AT IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSIONS.

"Temples of the Order may maintain headquarters during the annual sessions of the Imperial Council for the purpose of dispensing Shrine hospitality and good fellowship. The use of intoxicating liquors at such headquarters is prohibited. The use of temple badges as gifts or for exchange purposes is permitted. The indiscriminate distribution, in large quantities, of all kinds of souvenirs, to every one who calls at temple headquarters, should not be made. All courtesies shown in temple headquarters should be limited to Nobles of the Order and ladies accompanying them.

"No distribution of souvenirs or gifts of any kind shall be made by temples or representaives to the members of the Imperial Council or at the place of the meeting of the Imperial Council while that body is holding its session.

"Each potentate and each representative should see that no abuse of any kind is permitted in temple headquarters that tends to discredit the Shrine, or its avowed principles or objects."

JUNE 6, 1876.

Sacred Caravan Bearing Holy Carpet from Cairo to Mecca, in December, 1909

It was no sham pilgrimage to a pleasure resort, such as Field's Point or Narragansett Pier, that I saw in December, 1909, in Cairo. It was not the pilgrimage of light-hearted, happy-going Nobles, dressed in Occidental clothes, "crossing the hot and burning desert sands" on a luxurious steamer sailing safely and gracefully on the calm waters of Narragansett Bay. It was the start of a real and sacred pilgrimage of thousands of turbaned Moslems, burning with religious zeal and longing to cross desert, mountain, and valley, sea, wilderness, rocky and wild places,—ready to endure every imaginable hardship, sacrifice all home comforts, and bear cheerfully the partings with the dear ones at home,—yea, ready to endure more than all that, in order to get a glimpse of Al-Kahba and walk in the streets of the city that gave birth to the great prophet of El-Islam.

Al-Kahba has been sacred and dear to the heart of every Arab for innumerable centuries. According to the traditions of these wild sons of the desert, this sacred shrine was built first by Adam, the father of the human race. After its destruction by the flood, Noah built it again. Abraham also rebuilt it, when he visited Arabia with his son Ishmael. After Abraham's day it degenerated from a house dedicated to the worship of one invisible God, into a shrine for the glorification of gods made by the hand of man. When Mohammed returned from Medina and entered victoriously into Mecca, his first act as a conqueror was to destroy the 365 idols he found in that historic temple, and to enforce the worship of Allah.

The Moslem law bids every faithful follower of Al-Koran to visit Mecca at least once in life, if he is able to do so. Every year there is a grand pilgrimage to the Holy City of Islam. Last December, while the Nobles of Palestine Temple were either freezing on the cold streets of these Providence plantations, or seeking warmth, shelter, and comfort around their hearths in their happy homes, thousands of the faithful in Egypt were getting ready for the great annual Hajj. What I saw was not only the starting of the pilgrimage, but also the ceremony of bidding farewell to Al Kiswael-Shareefa, or the Holy Carpet.

Many years ago the Prince of the Faithful, and the head of the Moslem Church, one of the sultans of the Ottoman Empire, granted to the rulers of Egypt the distinguished and most pleasing privilege of furnishing every year a hand-made carpet to cover the walls of Al-Kahba. The most skillful and artistic men and women in the Valley of the Nile working in the manufactory of Al-Khurimfush, are employed by the Egyptian government to produce by hand each year a marvelously beautiful carpet, the cost of which runs from thirty to fifty thousand dollars. Al-Kiswah is made of black brocade and lined with cotton covered with inscriptions from Al-Koran. Its broad band is also covered with sacred inscriptions worked in gold.

The covering and its band are each woven in four pieces, afterwards sewn together.

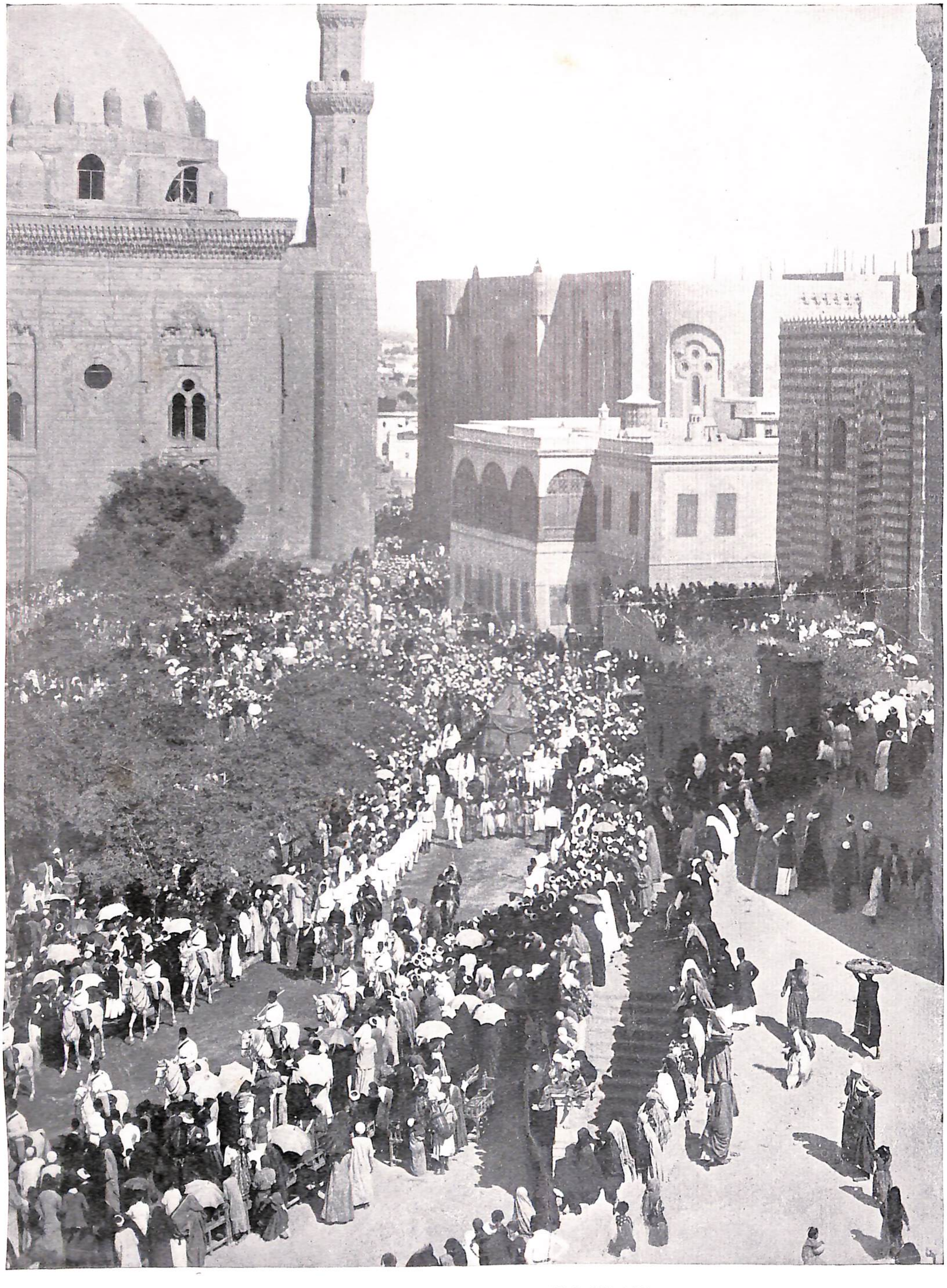
The veil that is made to cover the door of Al-Kahba, is also made of black brocade, but it is lined with green silk and exquisitely embroidered with gold.

Before the carpet is carried to Mecca, two ceremonies are performed in its honor. When it is finished, the government, represented by its ruler and his ministers, receives it from the master artist, to whose skill, energy, and management, it owes its wonderful workmanship and completion. After its receipt officially, the Khedive delivers it to the sheik of mosque el-Housinee, who guards it in his temple until the second and more imposing ceremony of its delivery to the protection of Emeer-El-Hajj, prince of the pilgrimage, who pledges his sacred honor and promises faithfully to guard it and protect it from all possible dangers till it reaches safely its sacred destination.

The third of December, 1909, was a typical Egyptian winter day. The heavenly dome was clear and cloudless, the sun shone brightly and gloriously, rebuking by its dazzling splendor the unfeeling, doubting, unpoetic men of to-day who ridicule the Egyptians of old, for worshipping him and placing him at the head of the list of their deities. The warm and delightful breezes coming from the desert were very bracing and invigorating. There was warmth enough in the air to remind one of a New England "rare day in June." The whole atmosphere of the place instilled a love for romance, form and poetry, and a deep interest in the strange and unusual things of this world.

The throngs that gathered in the great square of the citadel between the mosque of Sultan Hassan and the mosque of Mohammed Ali and lined the streets leading into it, were enormous. Never before have I seen such a marvelous color effect. It was simply gorgeous. That sea of humanity moved to and fro and produced a sight that cannot be paralleled in any other city in the world; for what city can give the color effect that Cairo gives in its big gatherings? The majority of the multitudes were standing; but thousands came in carriages and automobiles; many were on horseback, and great numbers rode donkeys or camels. Tourists from all over Europe and America were in abundance, but the greater number were turbaned natives, wearing their many-colored garments, and black-eyed Egyptian women in flowing robes.

We had engaged our carriage the day before and came very early to the Square, and therefore succeeded in securing very advantageous positions, from which we easily saw the whole ceremony. In the long waiting before the arrival of His Royal Highness Abbass II, we were greatly interested in watching the great crowd. There was no disorder or disturbance of any kind. The native and English police handled the people nicely. Cosmopolitan as the gathering



SACRED CARAVAN BEARING HOLY CARPET FROM CAIRO TO MECCA, IN DECEMBER, 1909 was, it was a happy, cheerful people celebrating a national religious occasion.

At ten A. M. sharp, the trumpets blew, announcing the arrival of the beloved ruler of Egypt. The bands started immediately the Khedivial March, and the throngs cheered and applauded. A regiment of lancers came galloping in magnificent style. They were the bodyguard of His Royal Highness, the flower of Egyptian gallant youth. Then followed the state carriage carrying the Khedive, drawn by four beautiful Arabian white horses. The state coach was preceded by two gayly dressed sais (runners) and driven by two men in fine and rich livery. Other carriages carrying the members of his cabinet, the princes of royal blood, the high dignitaries of state and church, the representatives of foreign nations in official uniforms, pashas, beys, and men of high rank. Then marched in splendid order, several regiments of Soudanese and Egyptian soldiers, riding magnificently their Arabian horses. The artillery and infantry followed. Indeed, it was an imposing and vivid scene.

In the midst of this tremendous throng of tens of thousands of interested spectators, the sheik of the mosque where the carpet was kept, led a gayly decorated camel carrying the sacred and precious load. Stopping in front of His Highness the Khedive, he kissed the lines of the camel, and handed them to His Highness. The Khedive bowed and reverently kissed them and handed them to his prime minister, who paid the same homage and passed them on to the minister of war. To one after the other of the ministers, the lines of the camel were passed, receiving from each the same tribute of respect and reverence. Finally they were delivered to the hand of Emeer-el-Hajj, or the prince of the pilgrims. He received them with due respect and took an oath to protect and faithfully guard the carpet until its final destination was reached.

When this part of the ceremony was over, the Khedive and his ministers drove back to Abdeen Palace, and the camel was led, escorted by soldiers, and followed by a vast multitude, to the Abbasyieh station. From there it went by rail to Suez, where it was transferred to a steamer, which carried it and many pilgrims, to Jedda, the seaport of Mecca. Other steamers from the same port brought to Jedda more pilgrims. From that port it was carried on camelback across the mountains and desert, to Mecca, guarded all the way by soldiers, and accompanied by thousands of the Faithful. This particular pilgrimage was especially important and interesting, because His Highness the Khedive, was himself one of the pilgrims.

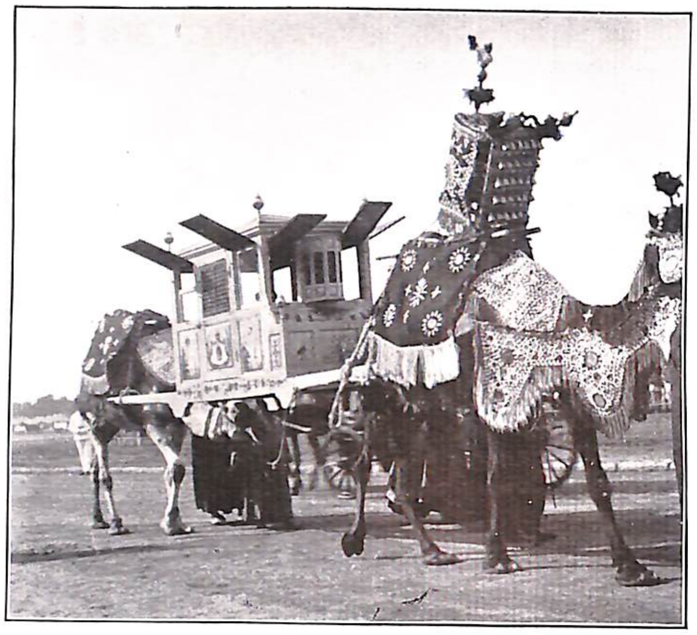
On the arrival of the new carpet, the old one is taken off the Al-Kahba, and its pieces distributed as sacred relics among the pilgrims that visit Mecca. Each new one takes that place for one year, and in its turn, gives way to that of the succeeding year.

One cannot close an article on the Hajj and the Holy Carpet, without expressing his sense of admiration for the devotion, zeal, and loyalty of these faithful followers of the Prophet of Arabia. A man must be insensible to all things great, if his soul is not awed and his admiration touched at the sight of those untold millions of Moslems ever turning their hearts and eager eyes towards Mecca, and many of them traveling months to reach the historic city. From the jungles of Africa and its wild and barren deserts; from the lofty mountains of the Caucasus; the beautiful valleys and thickly populated cities of India, the vine-clad hills of Persia, and the plateaus of Central Asia; from the furthest points in China, and the Zulu Islands; from Syria, Turkey, Tunis, and the shores of Morocco, washed by the waters of the Atlantic, millions of eyes are set towards the city of Mecca, at the call of the muezzins, who chant from their lofty minarets, five times every day of the year:

Allah Akbar—La Ilah illa Allah.

Five times a day the Faithful prostrate upon their prayer rugs, and raise their voices in praise and adoration to the one invisible God, calling for peace on Mohammed and success for his great religion. Fervently do they hope and pray to be granted the great privilege of visiting his birthplace in Mecca, and his resting place in Medina, for no higher ambition—excepting entering Paradise—moves the heart of a true Moslem, than to make the hard but sacred pilgrimage, and be called a "Hajj" by his friends and relatives at home.

Shehadi A. Shehadi



LITTER CONTAINING THE HOLY CARPET, AND THAT OF THE EMEER-EL-HAJJ, OR PRINCE IN CHARGE OF THE PILGRIMAGE

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CAIRO, EGYPT.—The interesting annual ceremony of the departure of the Mahmal for Mecca took place in Cairo the middle of October.

At an early hour, large crowds of natives assembled in the open space at the foot of the citadel, the gateway steps and walls of that ancient and picturesque building being also thronged with onlookers. The bright coloring of the crowd, the mosques standing out prominently in the background, made a typically Eastern and very striking scene. The crowd was very orderly, the native police having perfect control both before and after the ceremony.

At 9 A. M., Egyptian troops arrived and lined the square, then came the Khedive's ministers, the sirdar, Sir Reginald Wingate (commander-in-chief of the army and governor-general of the Sudan), and finally, the prime minister, Muhammed Said Pasha, who, as the Khedive's representative, received a salute of twenty-one guns.

A band of pilgrims for Mecca then passed, leading camels decorated with palm branches, preceded by dancing water carriers, singing as they went. Last appeared the "Mahmal" procession itself, which passed slowly three times around the square and halted before the prime minister.

The "Holy Carpet" itself is known as the "Kisweh," and consists of a series of embroidered hangings used for decorating the shrine of the Prophet at Mecca. The Mahmal is the ancient litter borne by camels. It is said that in this litter some princess of days gone by, made her pilgrimage. Opinions are divided as to whether it now contains a portion of the carpet or two copies of the Koran. It is regarded, however, as the most sacred part of the caravan, and the prime minister reverently kisses the halter of the camel carrying it. There is also the litter of the "Emeer-el-Hajj," or Prince in charge of the Pilgrimage.

The rest of the procession consisted of dancing water carriers, Arab and Bedouin chiefs and sheikhs on horseback with banners, and other members of the party who accompany the "Carpet" in the annual pilgrimage. Pipers and drummers brought up the rear.

Unlike former days, when the pilgrimage often proved an adventurous and lengthy undertaking, it now makes its way by rail to Alexandria, thence by steamer to Palestine, where it entrains in the Hedjaz Railway for Mecca.

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J. Putnam Stevens.................Imperial Assistant Rabban
Portland, Me.
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William J. Matthews.........Imperial Captain of the Guard
New York, N. Y.

Ernest A. Cutts.....................Imperial Outer Guard
Savannah, Ga.

PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATES

Date of Election and Length of Service as Imperial Potentate

Ill. Walter M. Fleming......................Mecca Temple
June 6, 1876, to June 14, 1880.
*Ill. Sam Briggs............................Al Koran Temple
June 14, 1886, to August 16, 1892.
Ill. William B. Melish......................Syrian Temple
August 16, 1892, to June 13, 1893.
*Ill. Thomas J. Hudson......................Syria Temple
June 13, 1893, to July 25, 1894.
Ill. William B. Melish......................Syrian Temple
July 25, 1894, to September 3, 1895.
Ill. Charles L. Field.........................Islam Temple
September 23, 1895, to June 23, 1896.
Ill. Harrison Dingman.......................Almas Temple
June 23, 1895, to June 9, 1897.
Ill. Albert B. McGaffey.....................El Jebel Temple
June 9, 1897, to June 15, 1898.
Ill. Ethelbert F. Allen......................Ararat Temple
June 15, 1898, to June 15, 1899.
Ill. John H. Atwood.......................Abdallah Temple
June 15, 1899, to May 23, 1900.
Ill. Lou B. Winsor..........................Saladin Temple
May 23, 1900, to June 12, 1901.

Ill. Philip C. Shaffer..........................Lu Lu Temple
June 12, 1901, to June 11, 1902.
Ill. Henry C. Akin...........................Tangier Temple
June 11, 1902, to July 9, 1903.
Ill. George H. Green............................Hella Temple
July 9, 1903, to July 14, 1904.
Ill. George L. Brown.........................Ismailia Temple
July 14, 1904, to June 21, 1905.
*Ill. Henry A. Collins.......................Rameses Temple
June 21, 1905, to June 13, 1906.
Ill. Alvah P. Clayton..........................Moila Temple
June 13, 1906, to May 8, 1907.
Ill. Frank C. Roundy.......................Medinah Temple
May 8, 1907, to July 15, 1908.
Ill. Edwin I. Alderman......................El Kahir Temple
July 15, 1908, to June 9, 1909.
Ill. George L. Street............................Acca Temple
June 9, 1909, to April 12, 1910.
Ill. Fred. A. Hines..........................Malaikah Temple
April 12, 1910, to July 12, 1911.
Ill. John F. Treat..........................El Zagal Temple
July 12, 1911, to May 9, 1912.

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Fleming, Walter M..........141 Rich Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
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Field, Charles L..............312 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.
Dingman, Harrison........................Washington, D. C.
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Atwood, John H............................Kansas City, Mo.
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Brown, George L..............................Buffalo, N. Y.
Clayton, Alvah P............................St. Joseph, Mo.
Roundy, Frank C...............................Chicago, Ill.
Alderman, Edwin I...............................Marion, Ia.
Street, George L...........................Richmond, Va.

Hines, Fred A...............................Los Angeles, Cal.

EMERITI MEMBERS WITH RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Millar, George W..........................New York, N. Y.
McGee, James ....New York, N. Y.
Loder, George F...........................Rochester, N. Y.

Rowell, Benjamin W............................Lynn, Mass.
Brown, William S...........................Pittsburg, Pa.
Boyle, John W..................................Utica, N. Y.

EMERITI MEMBERS

Siemon, W. Theodore.........................Pittsburg, Pa.

McCandless, George W.........................Pittsburg, Pa.

*Deceased.

J. F. Treat

JUNE 6, 1876.

Fred A. Hines

JOHN F. TREAT

Imperial Potentate of Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for North America, was elected to that high office on July 12, 1911, with term of office till May 9, 1912. He resides in Fargo, N. Dak., where he is in the insurance business, which he has followed since 1889. He was born in Geauga County, O., September 11, 1861, the son of John F. Treat, born in 1830, and Ruth A. Brewer Treat, in 1837. Imperial Potentate Treat received his education at the Grand River Institute in Ohio. He is a member of Shiloh Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Royal Arch Chapter; Auvergne Commandery, Knights Templar; Enoch Lodge of Perfection; Pelican Chapter of Rose Croix; Fargo Council of Knights Kadosh; Dakota Consistory, and El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., all in Fargo, N. Dak. He has held the rank of potentate in his Temple, for eleven years. In addition, he is a member of the Elks, Knights of Pythias, and of the Fargo Commercial Club. He is a Republican, and was a member of the State Legislature for two terms, 1905 and 1907. Fishing and hunting are his favorite forms of recreation.

FRED A. HINES

Past Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine for North America, having been elected to that high office, April 15, 1910, is a representative *ad vitam* to the Imperial Council, and devoted his entire term of office as Imperial Potentate, to the service of the Shrine. He is, too, a past illustrious potentate of Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles, 1902-03. Likewise, in the Masonic circles, he is quite prominent, being connected with all of the Masonic bodies in the city of Los Angeles. He was master in Southern California Lodge in 1900; affiliated with, Signet R. A. Chapter, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar Commandery, Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and is past commander-in-chief of California Consistory. He is, likewise, a well-known clubman, holding membership in the following: California, Jonathan, L. A. Country, and Lomita Gun Clubs. His home is at No. 1834 West 11th Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

BENJAMIN W. ROWELL

A Mason of Masons, has a notable record. He was admitted to Aleppo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Boston, on May 15, 1883. Besides this connection, he acquired membership in St. Paul Lodge of South Boston, Mass., Sutton R. A. Chapter of Lynn, Boston Council R. & S. M. of Boston, Olivet Commandery, K. T. of Lynn, and Lafayette Lodge of Perfection; Giles F. Yates Council, P. of J.; Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, and Massachusetts Consistory, 32°, of Boston. In addition to this, he is past presiding officer and secretary of Massachusetts College of Rosicruciana; secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Rosicruciana of the United States; member of the Royal Order of Scotland; past presiding officer and secretary of the Grand Chapter of the Knights of Rome and Constantine for Massachusetts and Rhode Island; member of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Grand Cross of Constantine in the United States, also treasurer of the same; member of Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templar Commanders; past commander of Olivet Commandery, K. T.; Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, from 1890 to the present time; honorary member of Mount Sinai Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; member of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., being emeritus member of same, with rights and privileges, and Imperial Recorder since 1894; has served a quarter century as representative to the Imperial Council from Aleppo Temple, 1884 to date, and is secretary of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation. He was crowned by the Supreme Council with the 33°, A. A. S. R., N. M. J., 1889. Noble Rowell was born in Chichester, N. H., August 18, 1846, and was educated in the public schools of Lynn, Mass. He was married in Lynn, Mass., December 5, 1871, to Susan Augusta Newhall. Both are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at 8 Linwood Road, Lynn. He is a member of the Point Shirley Club of Winthrop, Mass. From 1867 to 1898 he conducted a furniture and carpet business, but for some years he has been comptroller of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company.

JACOB THOMAS BARRON.

Entered the Unseen Temple on September 14, 1910. The lamented Noble Barron was one of the charter members of Oasis Temple of the Shrine, located at Charlotte, N. C., and for two years was potentate of that temple, when there was none in South Carolina. He later became affiliated with Omar Temple in Charleston, S. C., and was an honorary member of Alee Temple, of Savannah, Ga. He was elected Imperial Outer Guard, at Niagara Falls, on June 20, 1905, and had regularly advanced to the office of oriental guide in the Imperial Council. He was grand secretary not only of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, but also of the Grand Lodge of that State. In the Scottish Rite, he was K. C. C. H., also special deputy of the inspector general, and enrolled in Richland Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Columbia Chapter, R. A. M.; Union Council, R. & S. M.; Columbia Commandery, K. T.; Adelphi Lodge of Perfection; Buist Chapter of Rose Croix; Bethlehem Council, Knights of Kadosh, and Benzalen Consistory, 32°, (K. C. C. A.) Georgia. He was born in Edgecombe County, N. C.; graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1875, and had his residence in Columbia, S. C. In politics he was a Democrat.

J. PUTNAM STEVENS

In the life insurance business at 40 Exchange Street, Portland, Me., is general agent for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, and has been engaged in that line since 1887. His home is at Woodfords, Me. He is a Republican, and member of the Universalist denomination. Illustrious Noble Stevens was born in Winthrop, Me., November 24, 1852. His father, Joseph W. Stevens, was born August 15, 1824, and his mother, Mary Ingalls, April 4, 1823. She alone survives. Noble Stevens graduated from the Maine Wesleyan Seminary. He is affiliated with many fraternities, and ranks high in all of them, being past master of Asylum Lodge, F. & A. M., of Wayne, Me.; member of Greenleaf R. A. Chapter of Portland, Me.; of Portland Council, R. & S. M.; St. Albans Commandery, K. T.; Portland Council, P. of J.; Dunlap Chapter of Rose Croix, Yates Lodge of Perfection, and Maine Consistory. He is past potentate of Kora Temple, Lewiston, Me. In 1906 he was elected Imperial Outside Guard, and has advanced in the offices of the Imperial Council until at the present time he is Imperial High Priest and Prophet. He is a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine of Portland; a member of the Royal Order of Scotland of Washington, D. C.; past grand patron, O. E. S., for Maine; past patron Iona Chapter of Portland, Me.; past exalted ruler of Portland Lodge of Elks, No. 188; member of the Portland Colony of Pilgrim Fathers; of Samoset Tribe of Red Men of Portland, Me.; of Fern Park Deering and Portland Clubs, and of the Portland Power Boat Association of Portland; Portland Board of Trade; Quarter Century Traveling Men's Association; New England Fat Men's Club; first vice-president of Maine Fish and Game Association; past president, and at the present time, treasurer of the Maine Life Underwriters' Association; and member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He represented Portland in the Maine Legislature, 1905-06. He is also a trustee of the Maine Institute for the Blind, and has been one of the School Commitee, and supervisors of schools of Portland, Me. He is fond of hunting and fishing and has a love for good horses.

FRANK C. ROUNDY

Imperial Potentate from May 8, 1907, to July 15, 1908, is president of the Roundy Regalia Company of Chicago, and well known throughout the country, because of his Templar drill work. He was born at Lake Geneva, Wis., in 1858, the son of Daniel Curtis and Jane Young Roundy. He attended the public schools, graduated in 1876, and then entered mercantile life. He is past potentate of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and past commander-in-chief of Oriental Consistory, both of Chicago, and he has attained the 33°. He also belongs to Hesperia Lodge No. 411; York R. A. Chapter No. 148; Chicago Council No. 4, R. & S. M.; St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, K. T., in which he is a past commander; Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection; Chicago Council, P. of J.; and Gourgas Chapter of Rose Croix, all of Chicago. He is, too, a member of the Loyal Leigon, and of the Patriot Ancient and Honorables; is a Republican, and attends the Unitarian Church. In 1882, he became captain of Company H, 2d Regiment of Infantry, and for nine years was commandant of the drill corps of St. Bernard Commandery. His home is at Oak Park, Ill.

E. M. Cowell

J Putnam Stevens

Geo. L. Fraser

J T Barron

Frank C. Roundy

FREDERICK R. SMITH, M. D.

A physician and surgeon of Rochester, N. Y., was born in Penn Yan, N. Y., 1870, the son of Thomas W. and Emily J. Smith. Both parents were of English birth. He was educated at the Penn Yan Academy and Dundee Preparatory School, graduating in 1889; and from the Hahnemann Medical College, in 1893. He was an interne in the Homeopathic Hospital in Rochester, in 1893 and 1894, and entered upon the practice of medicine and surgery, in 1894. Dr. Smith is a devotee of the game of golf, being a member of the Genesee Valley Golf Club, and of the Oak Hill Country Club. He is a Republican and has held office under the Republican administration, being chairman of the Board of Supervisors at the present time. Noble Smith belongs to Yonnondio Lodge; Hamilton R. A. Chapter; Doric Council, and Monroe Commandery, K. T., Rochester Consistory, 32°, and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In these various bodies he is past master of the blue lodge; past high priest of the chapter; past commander of the commandery; past district deputy for the 33° Masonic district; and past potentate of Damascus Temple. He is commander-in-chief of the Rochester Consistory, and received the honorary 33°, at Saratoga, in September, 1911. He is, too, a member of the Elks, Knights of Pythias, Foresters of America, and Chamber of Commerce, also of the Rochester Club; and president of the Masonic Club. He is Imperial Assistant Rabban of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., for North America. His home and office are located at 89 Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

HENRY F. NIEDRINGHAUS, JR.

Present Imperial Oriental Guide of the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., was elected to that office in Rochester, N. Y., July 11, 1911. He is a Noble of Moolah Temple, oasis of St. Louis, and his Nobility dates from May 28, 1895. Noble Niedringhaus is a native of St. Louis, where he was born, December 15, 1864, the son of Frederick W. Niedringhaus and Anna W. Kleinsmith, natives of Germany. He is a graduate of Washington University, and was married in St. Louis, September 25, 1899, to Cora M. Boucher, native of St. Louis, and daughter of Leon Boucher and Marie Bonfils. They have three children: Cora Gretchen, Frederick Emmons, and Mary Esther, the last of whom passed away, September 2, 1910. He was made a Mason in Occidental Lodge in St. Louis; exalted in St. Louis Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; dubbed and created a Knight Templar in St. Aldemar Commandery in St. Louis, and the Scottish Rite degrees he also received in St. Louis, being a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret in Missouri Consistory. Noble Niedringhaus is, likewise, affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, Legion of Honor, Missouri Athletic Club, Liederkranz Club of St. Louis, and the Oasis Club. His favorite diversions are baseball and fishing. For the past thirteen years he has been connected with the National Enameling and Stamping Company. His residence is at 5651 Bartmer Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

EDWIN I. ALDERMAN

Imperial Potentate from July 15, 1908, to June 9, 1909, and representative *ad vitam* to the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., has filled practically every office in El Kahir Temple of Cedar Rapids, Ia., from director to that of illustrious potentate. He has also been a representative to the Imperial Council from El Kahir Temple, for sixteen consecutive years. He resides in Marion, Ia.

CHARLES E. OVENSHIRE

Treasurer and general manager of the Minneapolis Knitting Works at Minneapolis, Minn., his home city, was born in Athens, Penn., August 25, 1856. At the age of eighteen he removed to Detroit, Mich., where he was married to Hattie R. Willmarth. They moved to St. Paul, Minn., in 1883, then went to Minneapolis in 1891, where they have since lived. He organized the St. Paul Knitting Works in partnership with his brother-in-law, Perry Starkweather, in 1883. This was later incorporated under its present name, and Noble Ovenshire was made treasurer and general manager. He became a master Mason, December 7, 1891, in Newport (Minn.) Lodge, from which he dimitted and joined Minneapolis Lodge, on July 6, 1892. He was senior deacon in 1896; elected senior warden in 1897, worshipful master in 1898, and was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in St. John Chapter, on October 11, 1892. He was elected high priest in December, 1898, and secretary, December 19, 1899, filling the latter office up to March 22, 1904. He received the cryptic degrees in Minneapolis Council, April 12, 1895, and was knighted in Zion Commandery, K. T., on December 28, 1892. He was elected in succession: standard bearer, senior warden, captain general, generalissimo, commander, and recorder, filling the latter office from May 8, 1900, to March 26, 1907, and is a past patron of Palestine Chapter, O. E. S. He also received the Scottish Rite degrees as follows: Lodge of Perfection, May 31, 1898; Chapter of Rose Croix, June 1, 1898; Princes of Jerusalem, June 2, 1898; and Consistory, March 27, 1902, for two years having been master of ceremonies in the Lodge of Perfection, and four years, chancellor in the Consistory, one year as preceptor, and is now serving as prior. Was made a K. C. C. H. at the last Supreme Council meeting. In the Grand Commandery, K. T., of Minnesota, he was elected Grand Junior Warden in 1903; Grand Senior Warden in 1904; Grand Captain General in 1905; Grand Generalissimo in 1906; Deputy Grand Commander in 1907; Grand Commander in 1908, and Grand Treasurer in 1910, which office he now fills. In March, 1893, he was created a Noble in Zuhrah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and has filled the various offices along the line, serving as potentate in 1907. In the Imperial Council he was elected Imperial Outer Guard in July, 1908; Imperial Captain of the Guard in 1909; Imperial Marshal in 1910; and Imperial First Ceremonial Master in 1911. He is now serving his tenth year as a director of the Masonic Temple Association. Illustrious Noble Ovenshire is also in the Royal Arcanum, being past regent, as well as life member of the Grand Council. He is, likewise, affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is a past grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

WILLIAM WILSON IRWIN

Of Wheeling, W. Va., was elected Imperial Chief Rabban on July 12, 1911, is a past potentate of Osiris Temple of Wheeling, W. Va., and was born in Danville, Ky., the son of Robert and Rachel Wilson Irwin. He graduated from Centre College of Danville, now Central University, in 1881. His business is that of a retail druggist, which he began in 1882. He was sheriff of Ohio County, W. Va., January 1, 1901-05; was in the city council of Wheeling six years, concluding his terms in January, 1897. From 1893-97, he was a member of the Board of Commissioners of Ohio County, W. Va. He is a member of Nelson Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Wheeling Union Chapter, R. A. M.; Wheeling Council, R. & S. M.; Wheeling Commandery, K. T.; McDaniel Lodge of Perfection; Albert Pike Council, P. of J.; Charity Chapter of Rose Croix; and West Virginia Consistory. He is affiliated with the Elks, Knights of Pythias, and Sigma Chi (college fraternity); holds membership in the Wheeling Country Club, and is president of the West Virginia State Pharmaceutical and Wheeling Retail Druggists' Association. Noble Irwin is a Democrat.

Frederick R. Smith M.D.

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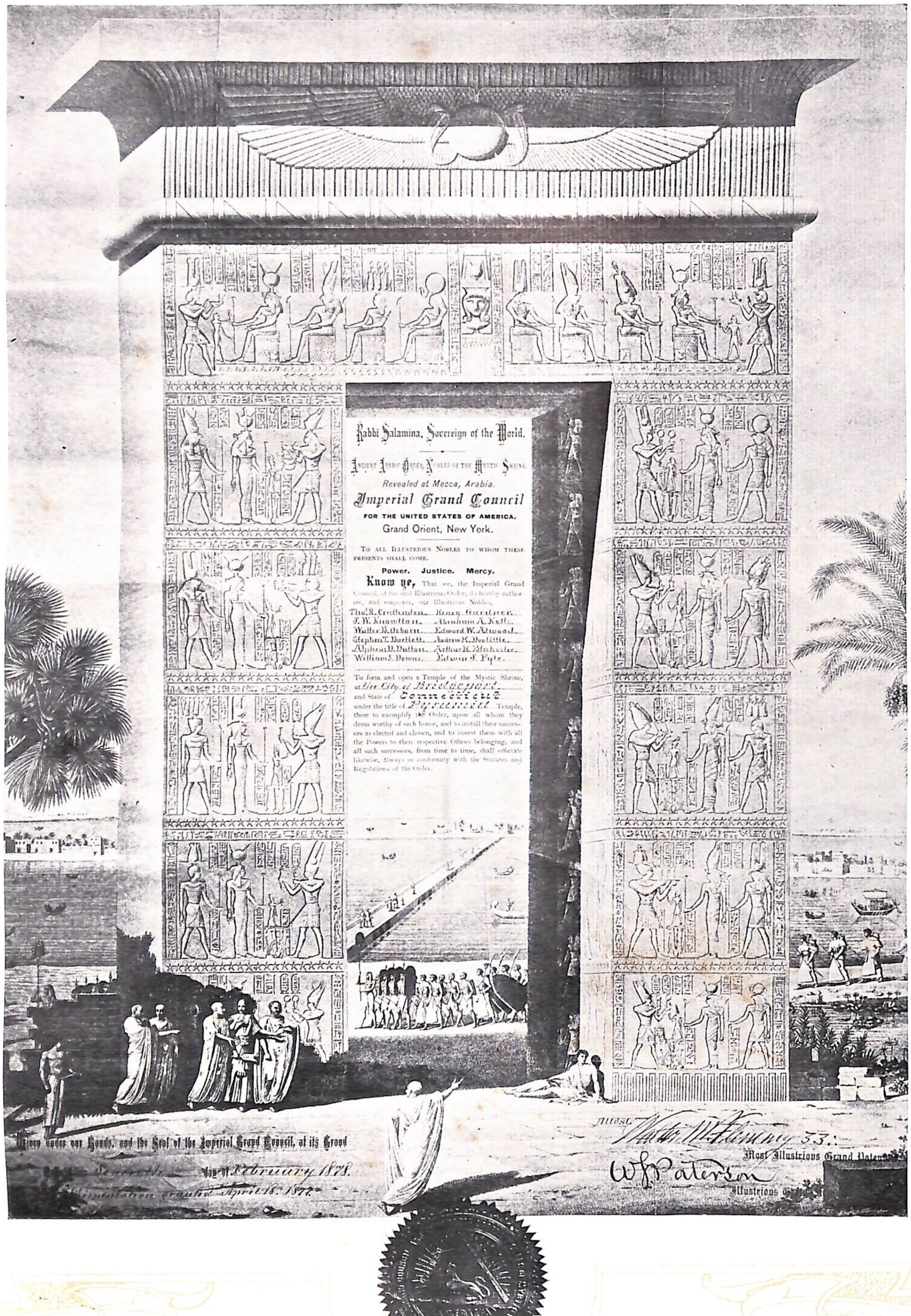
E. J. Alderman

Henry F. Niedringhaus Jr.

Wm. W. Irwin



Rabbi Salamina, Sovereign of the World.

Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Revealed at Mecca, Arabia.

Imperial Grand Council

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Grand Orient, New York.

To all Illustrious Nobles to whom these presents shall come.

Power. Justice. Mercy.

Know ye, That we, the Imperial Grand Council, of the said Illustrious Order, do hereby authorize, and empower, our Illustrious Nobles,

Thos. R. Crittenden.	Henry Gardner.
J. W. Knowlton.	Abraham A. Kells.
Walter B. Osborn.	Edward W. Atwood
Stephen T. Bartlett.	Andrew K. Doolittle.
Alpheus B. Dutton.	Arthur H. Blakeslee.
William S. Downs.	Edwin S. Pyle.

To form and open a Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at the City of Bridgeport, and State of Connecticut under the title of Pyramid Temple, there to exemplify the Order, upon all whom they deem worthy of such honor, and to install their successors as elected and chosen, and to invest them with all the Powers to their respective Offices belonging, and all such successors, from time to time, shall officiate likewise, always in conformity with the Statutes and Regulations of the Order.

Given under our Hands, and the Seal of the Imperial Grand Council, at its Grand [illegible] Seventh day of February 1878.

Dispensation granted April 18th 1877.

Attest. Walter M. Fleming 33.
Most Illustrious Grand Potentate

W. J. Paterson
Illustrious

HISTORY of PYRAMID TEMPLE

THE history of Pyramid Temple is almost identical with the history of Bridgeport from 1877 down to the present date; for in the thirty-two years that have elapsed, we find that the same men who were prominent in the upbuilding and betterment of the city, have also been leaders in the good work of Pyramid Temple.

This fact alone speaks volumes for Pyramid. It shows to the outer world that an organization which can command the active services of the best citizens of the community, must have underlying it the broad foundation of charity and good fellowship for all mankind, which means right and proper living, enlightenment, and progress.

Agitation for the establishment of a temple in Bridgeport began during the winter of 1876, and frequent meetings of members of the Masonic craft were held, counseled over by Nobles who had received the Order of Nobility in other oases. These meetings resulted in a petition to the Imperial Potentate for the establishment of a temple, and on April 18, 1877, a dispensation was granted for the establishment of a temple, the following being named as the charter members:

Thomas R. Cruttenden,
Walter B. Osborn,
Alpheus D. Dutton,
Henry Gardner,
Edward W. Atwood,
Arthur R. Blakeslee,
Julius W. Knowlton,
Stephen T. Bartlett,
William S. Downs,
Abraham A. Kells,
Andrew H. Doolittle,
Edwin I. Pyle.

Some of the Nobles here named, have long since joined the mystic caravan, and have entered the "Silent Temple," but their memory lives forever among those who enjoyed the privilege of their cheerful companionship and cooperation in good deeds.

The charter was signed by Walter M. Fleming, 33°, Most Illustrious Grand Potentate, and by W. S. Paterson, Illustrious Grand Recorder. Pyramid Temple was formally instituted, February 7, 1878. However, the Temple was set to work under the dispensation, and on June 26, 1877, a session was held and the following official divan elected and installed:

Thomas R. Cruttenden, Illustrious Potentate.
Edward W. Atwood, Illustrious Chief Rabban.
Walter B. Osborn, Illustrious Assistant Rabban.
Stephen T. Bartlett, Illustrious High Priest and Prophet.
Alpheus D. Dutton, Illustrious Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Illustrious Treasurer.
Julius W. Knowlton, Illustrious Recorder.

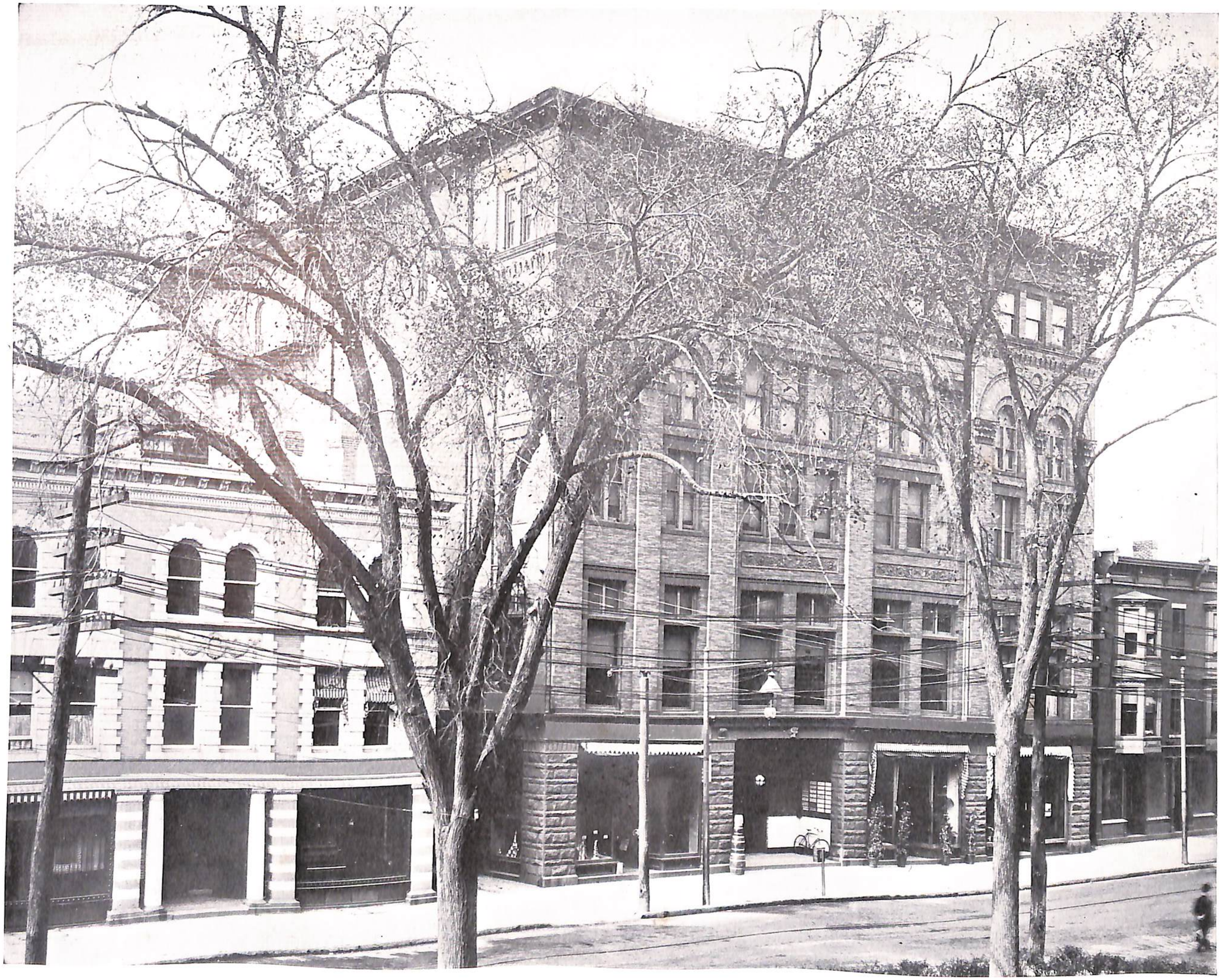
APPOINTEES

Edwin I. Pyle, Illustrious First Ceremonial Master.
Abraham A. Kells, Illustrious Second Ceremonial Master.
Andrew H. Doolittle, Illustrious Marshal.
Arthur R. Blakeslee, Illustrious Captain of the Guard.
William S. Downs, Illustrious Outer Guard.

The first set of by-laws was drafted by a committee composed of Nobles Cruttenden, Dutton, Atwood, and Pyle, Noble Pyle also serving as Recorder *pro tem*, at the first session. Fees for the Order of Nobility were fixed at twelve dollars, at which figure they remained for some years.

Much of the history of Pyramid Temple, from that time until 1881, is lost in obscurity and completely overshadowed by the rapid development in the succeeding years. However, we know that the Temple prospered. There was little to record, the work being chiefly the conferring of ceremonial degrees and those acts of charity which are never written. Six sessions, history tells us, were held during the year 1881, and on June 27, of that year, a new set of by-laws was adopted, the growth of the Temple and the rapid spread of its influence demanding certain alterations.

Death comes to all mortals, and the black camel halted before the tent of Noble Thomas R. Cruttenden, the first Illustrious Potentate, January 19, 1882. At the next meeting of Pyramid Temple, the following resolution was adopted:



PYRAMID TEMPLE EXTERIOR

Whereas, In the inscrutable wisdom of the Ruler of the Universe our Illustrious Grand Potentate, Thomas R. Cruttenden, has been called from among the Nobles of the Shrine and led to the Temple of the Jehovah, it is

Resolved, That Pyramid Temple No. 1, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, bowing to the fiat of Jehovah, place on record this testimonial of brotherly affection for our departed Noble, and engrave his name upon the memorial tablet at the entrance of the Temple with sorrow and mourning.

Resolved, That Pyramid Temple be draped for thirty days, and a page be set apart in the records in memory of the deceased.

The following divan was chosen at the annual meeting, held January 27, 1882, and the names would indicate that in the interval for which the records are lacking, practically the same band of men assumed the responsibility for the work of the Temple:

Julius W. Knowlton, Illustrious Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett, Illustrious Chief Rabban.
Andrew H. Doolittle, Illustrious Assistant Rabban.
H. W. Watson, Illustrious High Priest and Prophet.
Alpheus D. Dutton, Illustrious Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Illustrious Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Illustrious Recorder.
Edwin I. Pyle, Illustrious First Ceremonial Master.
Abraham A. Kells, Illustrious Second Ceremonial Master.
Walter B. Osborn, Illustrious Marshal.
Charles A. Gerdenier, Illustrious Captain of the Guard.
William F. Bishop, Illustrious Outer Guard.

Eleven stated sessions were held during the year 1882, and at the annual meeting held December 27 (St. John's Day), the result was as follows:

Julius W. Knowlton, Illustrious Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett, Illustrious Chief Rabban.
Andrew H. Doolittle, Illustrious Assistant Rabban.
H. W. Watson, Illustrious High Priest and Prophet.
Alpheus D. Dutton, Illustrious Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Illustrious Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Illustrious Recorder.
Hugh Stirling, Illustrious First Ceremonial Master.
Charles E. Wilmot, Illustrious Second Ceremonial Master.
Sturges D. Beers, Illustrious Captain of the Guard.
William J. Dorrance, Illustrious Marshal.
Civilion Fones, Illustrious Outer Guard.

The records fail to show where the early meeting places were, but an entry appears in the minutes of the session for February 26, 1883, wherein it is noted that it was voted to hire the hall of St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. and A. M., for the sum of four dollars ($4) a night.

On November 1, of that year, word was received that Mecca Temple had lost, by fire, all properties, etc., and the Illustrious Potentate of Pyramid Temple was appointed a committee to render such assistance as was necessary or possible, and to extend to them the use of the property and paraphernalia of Pyramid Temple, until such time as Mecca Temple was able to replace what had been lost.

Eleven sessions were held during 1883, and at the annual meeting, December 27, the following official divan was chosen:

Julius W. Knowlton, Illustrious Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett, Illustrious Chief Rabban.
Andrew H. Doolittle, Illustrious Assistant Rabban.
H. W. Watson, Illustrious High Priest and Prophet.
Alpheus D. Dutton, Illustrious Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Illustrious Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Illustrious Recorder.
Hugh Stirling, Illustrious First Ceremonial Master.
Charles E. Wilmot, Illustrious Second Ceremonial Master.
William J. Dorrance, Illustrious Marshal.
Civilion Fones, Illustrious Captain of the Guard.
Sturges D. Beers, Illustrious Outer Guard.
Abram Heaton, Illustrious Pyrotechnist.

Ten sessions were held during the year 1884, and the report of the Illustrious Treasurer read at the annual meeting, December 22, showed receipts of $469.25, disbursements of $229.05, and the sum of $240.20 on hand. This would indicate that Pyramid had been careful of its funds during the year. The result of the election was the retention of all the elective officers, but the appointed officers were named by the Illustrious Potentate as follows:

Hugh Stirling, Illustrious First Ceremonial Master.
David C. Mills, Illustrious Second Ceremonial Master.
William J. Dorrance, Illustrious Marshal.
Civilion Fones, Illustrious Captain of the Guard.
Sturges D. Beers, Illustrious Outer Guard.
Rodney S. Bassett, Illustrious Assistant Outer Guard.
Charles E. Wilmot, Illustrious Organist.
Abram Heaton, Illustrious Pyrotechnist.
Charles C. Godfrey, Illustrious Alchemist.
F. H. Whitney, Illustrious Commissary.

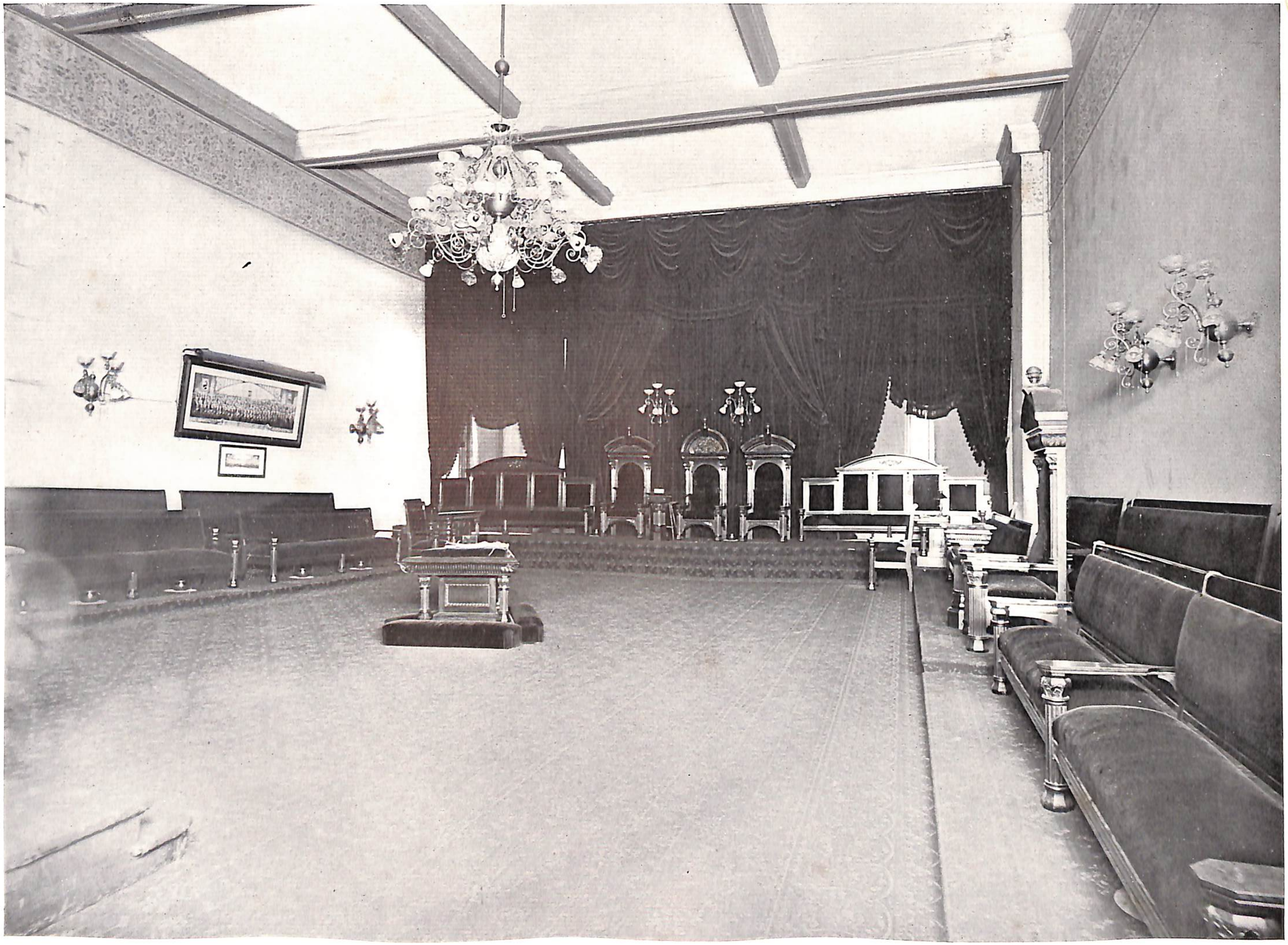
It was voted at this session that the salary of the Illustrious Recorder should be twenty dollars ($20).

VISIT FROM MECCA TEMPLE

About this time an invitation was sent to Mecca Temple, to visit Bridgeport, and January 29, 1885, a large delegation from Mecca arrived by boat. They were met at the landing by a large delegation of Pyramid Nobles, and a parade was formed, headed by the Wheeler and Wilson Band. The route lay through the principal business streets and wound up at the Temple, where the Noble Order of the Mystic Shrine was conferred in full ceremonial form, much to the delight of the visitors from Mecca, but even more so to the band of sons of the desert who had joined the caravan as servants unto it. A banquet was next spread, and the evening was filled with much merriment, the time passing rapidly until midnight, when the Nobles of Mecca Temple returned to their boat and departed for New York.

During the year 1885, ten sessions were held, and the election held December 28, of that year, had the following result:

Julius W. Knowlton, Illustrious Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett, Illustrious Chief Rabban.
Andrew H. Doolittle, Illustrious Assistant Rabban.
Edwin I. Pyle, Illustrious High Priest and Prophet.
Alpheus D. Dutton, Illustrious Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Illustrious Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Illustrious Recorder.
Hugh Stirling, Illustrious First Ceremonial Master.
David C. Mills, Illustrious Second Ceremonial Master.



PYRAMID TEMPLE INTERIOR

William J. Dorrance, Illustrious Marshal.
Civilion Fones, Illustrious Captain of the Guard.
Rodney S. Bassett, Illustrious Outer Guard.
Thad B. Beecher, Illustrious Director.
Abram Heaton, Illustrious Pyrotechnist.
Charles C. Godfrey, Illustrious Alchemist.
F. H. Whitney, Illustrious Commissary.
T. L. Bartholomew, Illustrious Organist.
C. E. Wilmot,
E. C. Stratton,
John Johnston,
W. R. Frisbie
Horace Pigg,
David A. Tarbell,
} Illustrious Chanters.
George H Bartram, Illustrious Captain of the Cohorts.

At this meeting representatives were elected to the Imperial Council to be held in Cleveland, in June, 1886; but there is no further record on the subject. It is believed, however, that Pyramid Temple was officially represented upon this occasion, and at nearly, if not every subsequent session of the Imperial Council.

FEE FOR THE ORDER INCREASED

The fee for the Order of Nobility, which had long been twelve dollars ($12), was at this meeting increased to seventeen dollars ($17). Up to this time the Temple had been exceedingly insistent upon the use of the honorarium "Illustrious" before the name of every official member of the divan, but from 1886 this custom was dropped, though the term is still employed in addressing or speaking of the members of the divan.

During the year 1886 ten sessions were held, and the annual meeting, held December 27, was made notable by the receipt of a beautiful banner from Medinah Temple, of Chicago. A vote of thanks was extended and the banner gratefully accepted. The new divan for the year 1887, follows:

Julius W. Knowlton, Illustrious Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett, Chief Rabban.
Andrew H. Doolittle, Assistant Rabban.
Edwin I. Pyle, High Priest and Prophet.
Alpheus D. Dutton, Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Hugh Stirling, First Ceremonial Master.
David C. Mills, Second Ceremonial Master.
William J. Dorrance, Marshal.
Civilion Fones, Captain of the Guard.
Rodney S. Bassett, Outer Guard.
Thad B. Beecher, Director.

At the session held on October 24, 1887, an invitation was received from Aleppo Temple, Boston, inviting the Nobles of Pyramid Temple to visit them, November 17, and witness the passage of the caravan over the desert. A considerable number of Nobles made the pilgrimage to Boston on this occasion, and were received at the oasis, with true Arabic courtesy.

The annual meeting, December 26, 1887, chose the following divan:

Julius W. Knowlton, Illustrious Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett, Chief Rabban.
Hobart W. Watson, Assistant Rabban.
Edwin I. Pyle, High Priest and Prophet.
Alpheus D. Dutton, Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Hugh Stirling, First Ceremonial Master.
David C. Mills, Second Ceremonial Master.
William J. Dorrance, Marshal.
Civilion Fones, Captain of the Guard.
Rodney S. Bassett, Outer Guard.
Sturges D. Beers, Assistant Captain of the Guard.
Thad B. Beecher, Director.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
Charles C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
Thomas L. Bartholomew, Organist.

FEE INCREASED TO TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS ($25)

During the year 1888, the fee for the conference of the degree was increased to twenty-five dollars ($25). The Temple voted twenty-five dollars ($25) for the benefit of the flood sufferers at Jacksonville, Fla. Ten sessions were held during 1888, and the annual meeting, December 24, chose the following officers:

Julius W. Knowlton, Illustrious Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett, Chief Rabban.
Hobart W. Watson, Assistant Rabban.
Edwin I. Pyle, High Priest and Prophet.
Alpheus D. Dutton, Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Thad B. Beecher,
Fred H. Waldron,
J. W. Knowlton,
} Representatives to Imperial Council.
Hugh Stirling, First Ceremonial Master.
David C. Mills, Second Ceremonial Master.
William J. Dorrance, Marshal.
Charles H. Peet, Jr., Captain of the Guard.
Rodney S. Bassett, Outer Guard.
Charles H. Sherman, Assistant Outer Guard.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
Charles C. Godfrey, Alchemist.
Thomas L. Bartholomew, Organist.

Noble Fred H. Waldron was unable to attend the session of the Imperial Council, and at the meeting of June 3, 1889, Noble Henry Setzer, Jr., was chosen in his stead. Eleven sessions were held during the year 1889, and at a special session convened June 12, the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) was contributed to the sufferers of the Johnstown flood. The annual session, held December 23, chose the following divan for the year 1890:

Julius W. Knowlton, Illustrious Potentate.
Stephen T. Bartlett, Chief Rabban.
Hobart W. Watson, Assistant Rabban.
Edwin I. Pyle, High Priest and Prophet.
Alpheus D. Dutton, Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Hugh Stirling, First Ceremonial Master.
David C. Mills, Second Ceremonial Master.
William J. Dorrance, Marshal.

Charles H. Peet, Jr., Captain of the Guard.
Rodney S. Bassett, Outer Guard.
Charles H. Sherman, Assistant Outer Guard.
Thad B. Beecher, Director.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
Charles C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
Thomas L. Bartholomew, Organist.

The following resolution appears on the records of Pyramid Temple for the session of February 24, 1890:

> *Resolved*, That the Nobles of Pyramid Temple, having heard with deep regret of the serious and prolonged illness of Noble Augustus W. Peters, Illustrious Potentate of Mecca Temple, New York, desire to place upon record an expression of their exalted appreciation of his labors in behalf of the Shrine, his zeal and fidelity to the Order, and the high esteem in which he is held by the members thereof, their profound sympathy with him in his affliction, and their earnest prayer for the speedy restoration of his health.

It was also decided at this meeting to have a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and the Illustrious Potentate was authorized to make the purchase.

The action of Pyramid Temple with reference to the illness of Noble Peters, of Mecca Temple, met with generous response and the following communication was received:

> To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.
>
> At the regular session of Mecca Temple, held in New York, March 31, 1890, your most cordial resolutions on the illness of its Illustrious Potentate, Augustus W. Peters, were received with the most profound respect by the Nobles, and they unanimously
>
> *Resolved*, That the thanks of Mecca Temple be tendered to the officers and Nobles of Pyramid Temple for their great interest manifested in the welfare of Mecca Temple, and they extend to them the most cordial greetings and heartfelt expressions of acknowledgment for the courtesies so modestly rendered to its Illustrious Potentate, with the blessed hope that in the future a closer union of the Nobles of both Temples will result in perfect happiness and an endeavor to ameliorate the ills and misfortunes to which flesh is heir.
>
> (Signed) W. S. PATERSON, *Recorder*.

There was also received and read a beautiful letter of thanks from Illustrious Potentate Peters, which was ordered spread on the records.

Ten sessions were held during the year 1890, and at the annual session, held December 22, the by-laws of the Temple were abrogated and the constitution and laws of the Imperial Council were adopted as governing the Temple until such laws were made as would be properly adapted for the best interests of the Temple. There appears to be no record of the reason for the abrogation of the by-laws, but it is probable that the action of the Imperial Council rendered some of them inoperative, and it became necessary to draft new by-laws as a result.

The official divan elected to serve for the calendar year 1891 follows:

Thad B. Beecher, Illustrious Potentate.
Alpheus D. Dutton, Chief Rabban.
Clarence M. Foster, Assistant Rabban.
Edwin L. Pyle, High Priest and Prophet.
Hugh Stirling, Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Treasurer.
Charles E. Wilmot, Assistant Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
David C. Mills, First Ceremonial Master.
W. F. Doty, Second Ceremonial Master.
Eleazar Parmly, Director.
William J. Dorrance, Marshal.
Charles H. Peet, Jr., Captain of the Guard.
Rodney S. Beers, Outer Guard.

PILGRIMAGE TO NEW HAVEN

At the session held in April, 1891, a motion prevailed to invite the Nobles of Mecca and Palestine Temples to meet with Pyramid Temple upon the occasion of the pilgrimage to New Haven, May 26, 1891. This pilgrimage was a great success from every standpoint, and with full ceremonial form, in the presence of an assemblage of Nobles from various temples, the order was conferred upon a a large class of novices. The Nobles from Pyramid Temple gave a parade in Bridgeport, headed by the Philharmonic Band, and on arrival in New Haven, there was an even larger parade, the Nobles from Mecca and Palestine Temples joining in. The usual banquet followed the work and the Nobles returned to Bridgeport late at night.

The representatives to the Imperial Council in 1891 were Nobles Thad. B. Beecher, C. M. Foster, R. C. Toucey, and Henry Setzer, Jr.

Eleven sessions were held during 1891, and the annual session, held December 28, increased the salary of the Recorder to $100 per annum.

The official divan follows:

Thad B. Beecher, Illustrious Potentate.
Hugh Stirling, Chief Rabban.
Clarence M. Foster, Assistant Rabban.
James A. Wilson, High Priest and Prophet.
Henry O. Canfield, Oriental Guide.
Charles E. Wilmot, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
David C. Mills, First Ceremonial Master.
Henry D. Beach, Second Ceremonial Master.
William J. Dorrance, Marshal.
Charles T. Beardsley, Jr., Captain of the Guard.
R. S. Bassett, Outer Guard.
Eleazar Parmly, Director.
John Johnston, First Assistant Director.
William R. Frisbie, Second Assistant Director.
Charles H. Peet, Jr., Third Assistant Director.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
S. J. Damon, Executioner.
Orland Smith, Assistant Executioner.
Henry A. Bishop, Emissary.
Daniel M. Roland, Keeper of Paraphernalia.
George M. Hubbell, Keeper of Properties.

At the session held January, 1892, a communication from the Imperial Potentate was read, announcing the death of Tewfik Mohammed Pasha, Khedive of Egypt. This was ordered filed.

MEMORABLE VISIT TO HARTFORD

The month of May, 1892, marked an important epoch in the history of Pyramid Temple. There had been various excursions, but none like that to Hartford. With bands playing and gorgeous colors flying, the Nobles moved on Hartford, assisted by the Nobles of various other oases, including a large delegation from Mecca. Allyn's Hall in Hartford was secured for the occasion, and there ninety-seven Sons of the Desert joined in the caravan, and as a reward for their faithful services they were made members of the Nobility when the halt was made at Mecca. The banquet which followed is described as being one of the most elaborate in the history of Pyramid Temple.

Representatives to the Imperial Council in the year 1892 were Nobles Thad B. Beecher, H. LeRoy Woodward, David R. Alling, and J. W. Knowlton.

The tenth session of 1892 was the annual one, held December 22, when the following official divan was elected and installed:

Thad B. Beecher, Illustrious Potentate.
Clarence M. Foster, Chief Rabban.
R. C. Toucey, Assistant Rabban.
James A. Wilson, High Priest and Prophet.
Henry O. Canfield, Oriental Guide.
Charles E. Wilmot, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
D. C. Mills, First Ceremonial Master.
Charles M. Gerdenier, Second Ceremonial Master.
Frank M. Wilson, Marshal.
N. J. Wakelee, Captain of the Guard.
D. M. Roland, Outer Guard.
Eleazar Parmly, Director.
John Johnston, First Assistant Director.
Charles H. Peet, Jr., Second Assistant Director.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
S. C. Damon, Executioner.
Orland Smith, Assistant Executioner.
E. Stewart Sumner, Isis.
Henry A. Bishop, Emissary.
George M. Hubbell, Keeper of Paraphernalia and Work.

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA

On January 26, 1893, the Nobles of Pyramid Temple were entertained in true Arabic manner by the Nobles of Mecca Temple on a pilrimage to New York, which called forth the following resolution at the session held in March:

> *Whereas,* Upon the occasion and reception and carnival of Mecca Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., held at Madison Square Garden, January 26, 1893, the most courteous reception and unbounded hospitality was tendered to the visiting officers and Nobles from Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport, Conn.,
>
> *Resolved,* That Pyramid Temple hereby places upon record its appreciation of the fraternal regard which has ever been manifested toward its officers and members by the Nobles of Mecca Temple, and which is and always has been heartily reciprocated by the Nobles of this Temple.
>
> *Resolved,* That the recognition and prominence accorded to this Temple on the occasion mentioned was a courteous acknowledgment of good fellowship and fraternal affection most pleasing and gratifying to all its members, and that Pyramid Temple extends to its elder sister, Mecca, its warmest thanks for the many courtesies and hospitality bestowed upon its wandering sons.
>
> *Resolved,* That this preamble and resolutions be spread in full on the minutes of this Temple, and that a copy thereof, signed by the Potentate and with the seal of this Temple attached, be transmitted to Mecca Temple.

After a retirement of several years, Noble Julius W. Knowlton, for so many years Illustrious Potentate, was again given that honor at the twelfth and annual session of 1893, held December 28. The official divan follows:

Julius W. Knowlton, Illustrious Potentate.
Hugh Stirling, Chief Rabban.
Henry O. Canfield, Assistant Rabban.
Edwin I. Pyle, High Priest and Prophet.
Henry D. Beach, Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Thad B. Beecher,
H. Leroy Woodward,
D. R. Alling,
J. W. Knowlton,
} Representatives to the Imperial Council.
D. C. Mills, First Ceremonial Master.
C. M. Gerdenier, Second Ceremonial Master.
Frank M. Wilson, Marshal.
N. J. Wakelee, Captain of the Guard.
D. M. Roland, Outer Guard.
Frank J. Naramore, Director.

At its session September 27, 1894, Pyramid Temple voted $500 to the Masonic Charity Foundation Fund of Connecticut. Eleven sessions were held during the year, and the following divan was chosen December 27:

Hugh Stirling, Illustrious Potentate.
Henry O. Canfield, Chief Rabban.
Edwin I. Pyle, Assistant Rabban.
Henry D. Beach, High Priest and Prophet.
Frank M. Wilson, Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Hugh Stirling,
Thad B. Beecher,
Frank J. Naramore,
C. E. Hoadley,
} Representatives to the Imperial Council
C. M. Gerdenier, First Ceremonial Master.
Fred C. Whipple, Second Ceremonial Master.
Frank J. Naramore, Director.
Jesse B. Cornwall, Marshal.
Nelson J. Wakelee, Captain of the Guard.
William W. Stevens, Outer Guard.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.

It is here worthy of note that Pyramid Temple had become much represented throughout the United States, not only through the visits of its members to other temples, and the visits to this oasis of Nobles from other temples, but there had been a general interchange of courtesies, conferring the Order upon novices who had been elected and were unable to be present at the regular sessions of Pyramid. Mecca, Medinah, and Aleppo Temples exchanged courtesies in this manner.

October 24, 1895, the first session of Pyramid Temple was held in the New Masonic Temple, and the Illustrious Potentate was authorized to make suitable arrangements with the trustees for holding future business meetings in the new building.

The annual session, December 26, 1895, chose the following divan:

Hugh Stirling, Illustrious Potentate.
Henry O. Canfield, Chief Rabban.
Edwin I. Pyle, Assistant Rabban.
J. Reed Topping, High Priest and Prophet.
Frank M. Wilson, Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Hugh Stirling,
Thad B. Beecher,
C. E. Hoadley,
Charles W. Gale,
Representatives to the Imperial Council.
C. M. Gerdenier, First Ceremonial Master.
Fred C. Whipple, Second Ceremonial Master.
John Johnston, Director.
Jesse B. Cornwall, Marshal.
D. M. Roland, Captain of the Guard.
William W. Stevens, Outer Guard.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.

At the session of February 27, 1896, a large photograph of the divan of Mecca Temple for the year 1895 was received. It was accepted in suitable manner and ordered framed and hung in the Masonic parlor.

FORMATION OF SPHINX TEMPLE

Nobles Rial S. Peck and Charles B. Andrews at this meeting put forth the claim of Hartford to a temple of its own. The growth of the Order had been such that there were in Hartford a large number of Nobles, and they suggested either that Pyramid Temple be removed to Hartford or that permission be granted for the formation of another temple there. The matter was discussed at several sessions, and finally at a meeting held March 26, 1896, it was voted that Pyramid Temple should remain in Bridgeport, but it was recommended that the Nobles residing in and near Hartford be given a dispensation to organize another temple, and a temple named Sphinx was in time instituted.

The official divan for 1897, elected December 9, 1896, was as below:

Thad B. Beecher, Illustrious Potentate.
J. Reed Topping, Chief Rabban.
Jesse B. Cornwall, Assistant Rabban.
James A. Wilson, High Priest and Prophet.
Frank M. Wilson, Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Thad B. Beecher,
Hugh Stirling,
C. E. Hoadley,
C. B. Ware,
Representatives to the Imperial Council.
George F. Hull, Standard Bearer.
Fred C. Whipple, First Ceremonial Master.
C. L. Libby, Second Ceremonial Master.
Henry H. Pyle, Marshal.
William R. Frisbie, Director.
George M. Baldwin, Director.
J. W. Skidmore, Captain of the Guard.
A. L. Eugene, Outer Guard.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
George M. Hubbell, Keeper of Properties.

OFFICIAL DIVAN FOR 1898

The next election, held December 6, 1897, resulted as follows:

J. Reed Topping, Illustrious Potentate.
Jesse B. Cornwall, Chief Rabban.
James A. Wilson, Assistant Rabban.
Frank M. Wilson, High Priest and Prophet.
Fred C. Whipple, Oriental Guide.
Henry Gardner, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
J. Reed Topping,
Thad B. Beecher,
Carleton E. Hoadley,
Charles B. Ware,
Representatives to the Imperial Council.
Merle C. Cowles, First Ceremonial Master.
John M. Hawley, Second Ceremonial Master.
Henry H. Pyle, Marshal.
William R. Frisbie,
George M. Baldwin,
Charles E. Roath,
William E. Seeley, Jr.,
Directors.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
John W. Bedient, Captain of the Guard.
George H. Bartram, Outer Guard.

The Temple lost by death in the spring of 1898 Noble Henry Gardner, who for many years had served the Temple faithfully as Treasurer and was a charter member. At the session held March 9, Noble Ebenezer S. Phillips was elected to succeed him.

At the annual session held December 14, 1898, the following divan was chosen:

J. Reed Topping, Illustrious Potentate.
Jesse B. Cornwall, Chief Rabban.
James A. Wilson, Assistant Rabban.
Frank M. Wilson, High Priest and Prophet.
Fred C. Whipple, Oriental Guide.
Ebenezer S. Phillips, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
J. Reed Topping,
Thad B. Beecher,
C. E. Hoadley,
F. M. Wilson,
Representatives to the Imperial Council.
Merle C. Cowles, First Ceremonial Master.
John M. Hawley, Second Ceremonial Master.
Henry H. Pyle, Marshal.
William R. Frisbie,
George M. Baldwin,
Charles E. Roath,
William E. Seeley, Jr.,
Directors.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
John W. Bedient, Captain of the Guard.
George H. Bartram, Outer Guard.

The official divan for the year 1900 was chosen December 13, 1899, as follows:

Jesse B. Cornwall, Illustrious Potentate.
Frank M. Wilson, Chief Rabban.
Fred C. Whipple, Assistant Rabban.
Thomas H. MacDonald, High Priest and Prophet.
Merle C. Cowles, Oriental Guide.
Ebenezer S. Phillips, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
J. B. Cornwall,
Thad B. Beecher,
C. E. Hoadley,
J. R. Topping,
Representatives to the Imperial Council.
George M. Baldwin, First Ceremonial Master.
William E. Seeley, Jr., Second Ceremonial Master.
George F. Hull, Marshal.
William R. Frisbie,
James H. Emmons,
Charles E. Roath,
Frank Coester,
Directors.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
J. W. Bedient, Captain of the Guard.
J. W. Skidmore, Outer Guard.
N. E. Freshour, Tyler.

VISIT FROM IMPERIAL POTENTATE

At a special meeting held in Sailer's Hall, Imperial Potentate John H. Atwood was present and inspected the work, which was up to the usual standard.

The annual session, held December 12, 1900, chose the following divan:

Frank M. Wilson, Illustrious Potentate.
Fred C. Whipple, Chief Rabban.
Thomas H. MacDonald, Assistant Rabban.
Merle Cowles, High Priest and Prophet.
Henry Setzer, Jr., Oriental Guide.
E. S. Phillips, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Frank M. Wilson,
Thad B. Beecher,
C. E. Hoadley,
J. R. Topping,
Representatives to the Imperial Council.
G. M. Baldwin, First Ceremonial Master.
William E. Seeley, Jr., Second Ceremonial Master.
G. F. Hull, Marshal.
William R. Frisbie,
James H. Emmons,
Charles E. Roath,
Frank Coester,
Directors.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
J. W. Skidmore, Captain of the Guard.
Albert L. Eugene, Outer Guard.
Nelson E. Freshour, Sentinel.

At a special ceremonial session held December 10, 1901, the Imperial Potentate, Phillip C. Shaffer, was present and inspected the work. He was welcomed with the Arabic honors due his exalted rank and expressed himself highly pleased not only with his reception, but also with the manner in which Pyramid Temple had performed the ritual of the Order.

The following divan was chosen at the annual session, held December 11:

Fred C. Whipple, Illustrious Potentate.
Thomas H. MacDonald, Chief Rabban.
Merle C. Cowles, Assistant Rabban.
George H. N. Johnson, High Priest and Prophet
David M. Trecartin, Oriental Guide.
Ebenezer S. Phillips, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
F. C. Whipple,
F. M. Wilson,
F. J. Naramore,
C. E. Hoadley,
Representatives to the Imperial Council.

There is no record of the appointment of the remaining officers of the official divan for the year 1902, and it is believed that Illustrious Potentate Whipple continued the others in office.

The next annual session was held December 10, 1902, and the following official divan resulted:

Thomas H. MacDonald, Illustrious Potentate.
Merle C. Cowles, Chief Rabban.
David M. Trecartin, Assistant Rabban.
George M. Baldwin, High Priest and Prophet.
J. M. Hawley, Oriental Guide.
E. S. Phillips, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Thomas H. MacDonald,
Fred C. Whipple,
C. E. Hoadley,
J. W. Porter,
Representatives to the Imperial Council.
Frank B. Hastings, First Ceremonial Master.
Charles D. Davis, Second Ceremonial Master.
Harry S. Pearsons, Marshal.
Casper D. Wallace, Captain of Arab Patrol.
William R. Frisbie, Director.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.

ARAB PATROL IN UNIFORM

During the year 1903 much interest was taken in the work of the Shrine, and the Arab Patrol was brought up to a high degree of efficiency. Uniforms were provided, and they were worn, for the first time at the ceremonial session held at Sailer's Hall December 1.

At a session held June 10, Past Illustrious Potentate Julius W. Knowlton and Noble William W. Stevens were made honorary members.

The annual session was held December 9, 1903, with the following result:

Merle C. Cowles, Illustrious Potentate.
George M. Baldwin, Chief Rabban.
David M. Trecartin, Assistant Rabban.
J. M. Hawley, High Priest and Prophet.
F. B. Hastings, Oriental Guide.
E. S. Phillips, Treasurer.

E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
M. C. Cowles,
Thomas H. Macdonald,
C. E. Hoadley,
Thad B. Beecher,
Representatives to the Imperial Council.
Charles D. Davis, First Ceremonial Master.
Lou P. Bristol, Second Ceremonial Master.
George F. Hull, Marshal.
William H. Marigold, Interlocutor.
James H. MacDonald, Standard Bearer.
J. R. Topping,
F. A. Strong,
Frank Coester,
F. S. Betts,
C. E. Roath,
C. S. Fox,
Directors
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
J. W. Skidmore, Captain of the Guard.
A. L. Eugene, Outer Guard.
N. E. Freshour, Sentinel.
George Roberts, Organist.

Pyramid Temple was represented in goodly numbers during the session of the Imperial Council held at Atlantic City, in 1904. Noble David M. Trecartin was elected Representative to this session, *vice* Noble Thomas MacDonald, resigned.

The Nobles of Pyramid reported a most enjoyable time during the Atlantic City session, and it was decided that so far as possible a pilgrimage should be made each year at the individual expense of the Nobles. The Temple had already been well represented at the sessions held in Saratoga and at Niagara Falls.

The sum of $100 was contributed to charity at the annual session held December 14, 1904. At this session also new by-laws were taken up and discussed and the matter went over to the next session for final action. Noble E. S. Phillips was donated a sum of money in token of the appreciation by the Nobles of the efficient manner in which he had handled the affairs of the Temple for the past five years as Treasurer, and which office he now resigned.

The new official divan was formed as follows:

David M. Trecartin, Illustrious Potentate.
John M. Hawley, Chief Rabban.
Frank B. Hastings, Assistant Rabban.
Charles D. Davis, High Priest and Prophet.
Lou P. Bristol, Oriental Guide.
William H. Marigold, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
David M. Trecartin,
Merle C. Cowles,
Carleton E. Hoadley,
James W. Porter,
Representatives to the Imperial Council
John J. Fisher, First Ceremonial Master.
Alvah A. Hoag, Second Ceremonial Master.
Thomas H. Macdonald, Director.
Fayette C. Clark, Marshal.
J. W. Skidmore, Captain of the Guard.
Charles E. Roath, Outer Guard.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CREATED

The new by-laws adopted during the year provided for the election of a board of three trustees, with terms of three years each, one term to expire each year. This board was elected at the annual meeting held December 13, 1905, at which session the sum of $100 was donated to charity, and the following official divan elected and installed:

John M. Hawley, Illustrious Potentate.
Frank B. Hastings, Chief Rabban.
Charles D. Davis, Assistant Rabban.
Lou P. Bristol, High Priest and Prophet.
John J. Fisher, Oriental Guide.
William H. Marigold, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Carleton E. Hoadley, Trustee for three years.
Jesse B. Cornwall, Trustee for two years.
Harry D. Miller, Trustee for one year.
John M. Hawley,
David M. Trecartin,
James W. Porter,
Carleton E. Hoadley,
Representatives to the Imperial Council
Alvah A. Hoag, First Ceremonial Master.
Fayette C. Clark, Second Ceremonial Master.
Thomas H. MacDonald, Director.
George M. Baldwin,
Augustus H. Bullard,
William H. Gardner,
Franklin A. Coester,
Assistant Directors
George W. Roberts, Musical Director.
Bernhard Setzer, Marshal.
Julius W. Skidmore, Captain of the Guard.
Nelson E. Freshour, Outer Guard.
Abram Heaton, Alchemist.
C. C. Godfrey, Pyrotechnist.
Tracy B. Warren, Interlocutor.
James H. MacDonald, Standard Bearer.
Frederic A. Bartlett, Captain of Arab Patrol.

At a special meeting held May 9, 1906, Pyramid Temple voted that $100 be sent to Islam Temple, San Francisco, for use in relieving suffering caused by the earthquake and resulting fire.

The sum of $100 was given to charity at the annual session, December 12, when the following official divan was elected and installed:

John M. Hawley, Illustrious Potentate.
Charles D. Davis, Chief Rabban.
Lou P. Bristol, Assistant Rabban.
John J. Fisher, High Priest and Prophet.
Alvah A. Hoag, Oriental Guide.
William H. Marigold, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Harry D. Miller, Trustee.
John M. Hawley,
Carleton E. Hoadley,
James W. Porter,
William A. Durant,
Representatives to the Imperial Council

TWO LARGE CARAVANS FORMED

The remaining members of the divan were practically all reappointed, and a notable pilgrimage was made to New Haven, December 18, where a large class crossed the hot sands of the desert and met the Moslem test. The occasion was one which brought together about twelve hundred Nobles, not only from Pyramid Temple, but also from Sphinx, Mecca, and other oases.

Another notable pilgrimage was that of June 6, 1907, when a special train carried Nobles from Bridgeport and the nearby towns, to Danbury, where a special session was held after a gorgeous street parade. Danbury turned out to see this affair as though for a circus. The candidates were numerous, and most of them were conveyed through the streets confined in a cage which had been secured for the occasion from a traveling show. The decorations were elaborate, both in the Temple and in the streets, and these, heightened by the gorgeous colorings of the Arab Patrol, made a striking scene.

FEE INCREASED TO THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS ($35)

On November 13 of this year, the fees for the Order, which had been fixed at $25 since the early history of the Temple, were raised to $35.

The sum of $175 was voted to charity at the annual session, December 11, 1907, when the following divan was chosen:

Charles D. Davis, Illustrious Potentate.
Lou P. Bristol, Chief Rabban.
John J. Fisher, Assistant Rabban.
Alvah A. Hoag, High Priest and Prophet.
Fayette C. Clark, Oriental Guide.
William H. Marigold, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Henry Setzer, Trustee.
Charles D. Davis,
Carleton E. Hoadley,
James W. Porter,
Frank B. Hastings,
} Representatives to the Supreme Council
Philip L. Holzer, First Ceremonial Master.
Lewis B. Curtis, Second Ceremonial Master.
George F. Hull, Director.
George W. Roberts, Musical Director.
George Crawford, Marshal.
Frank S. Slosson, Captain of the Guard.
Nelson E. Freshour, Outer Guard.
Reuben A. Lockhart, Alchemist.
Edwards M. Smith, Pyrotechnist.
James H. MacDonald, Standard Bearer.
Carleton E. Hoadley, Interlocutor.

Noble Alvah A. Hoag, High Priest and Prophet, passed into the "Unseen Temple," December 30, 1907. At a special session held January 8, 1908, Fayette C. Clark was advanced to the office of High Priest and Prophet, and Bernhard Setzer was elected Oriental Guide. Noble Hoag had been an enthusiastic member of the Temple, and had taken an official part in nearly every ceremonial session during the last three years of his life.

Noble Bernhard Setzer resigned the office of Oriental Guide at a special session held in February, and Noble Angus H. MacKenzie was elected to the vacancy.

Noble Frank B. Hastings resigned as a representative to the Imperial Council, at a session held April 8, and Noble Frederic A. Bartlett was elected to fill the vacancy, at the session held May 13.

The sum of $175 was donated to charity at the annual session held December 9, 1908, when the following official divan was elected and installed:

Lou P. Bristol, Illustrious Potentate.
John J. Fisher, Chief Rabban.
Angus H. MacKenzie, Assistant Rabban.
Fayette C. Clark, High Priest and Prophet.
Philip L. Holzer, Oriental Guide.
William H. Marigold, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Carleton E. Hoadley, Trustee.
Lou P. Bristol,
Frederick L. Gaylord,
Carleton E. Hoadley,
James W. Porter,
} Representatives to the Imperial Council.
George Crawford, First Ceremonial Master.
Frank S. Slosson, Second Ceremnial Master.
August M. Engelhard, Marshal.
Joseph W. Smith, Captain of the Guard.
Frederick M. Strong, Director.
George D. Phillips,
George Fox,
Harry Sturtevant,
} Assistant Directors.
Reuben A. Lockhart, Alchemist.
Edwards M. Smith, Pyrotechnist.
John K. Lawrence, Standard Bearer.
William E. Burnham, Master of Transportation.
Swan B. Brewster, Assistant Master of Transportation.
Philip Wilkins, Master of Wardrobe.
William C. Hawley, Musical Director.
Tracy B. Warren, Interlocutor.
Joseph B. Frisbie, Commissary.

THEATRE PARTY FOR THE LADIES

A theatre party was given in honor of the ladies, February 23, 1909, the attraction being DeWolf Hopper in the "Pied Piper," and despite the fact that rain poured in torrents the house was filled with Nobles in their conventional evening dress and scarlet fez, and ladies in their smartest gowns. A reception followed at the Stratfield, which was one of the social features of the season.

The session of the Imperial Council held in Louisville, Ky., in June, was attended by a large delegation from Pyramid Temple, the full Arab Patrol being taken along as escort to the Illustrious Potentate and the representatives. The occasion was a most enjoyable one, and the entertainments so lavishly provided by the host, Kosair Temple, were enjoyed to the utmost. A feature of the occasion was a drill of Arab Patrols in the First Regiment Armory, in which the Patrol of Pyramid Temple won loud applause.

The summer entertainment of 1909 took place on the banks of the Housatonic River, in Stratford, August 24. About three hundred Nobles were present at the sheep roast and clam bake, and the afternoon was given over to running races, jumping contests, and a baseball game.

On the 6th of November, 1909, Pyramid Temple gave another theatre party, which was largely attended. This only proves that these social functions in connection with the Shrine are popular. Their main object is to create that Shrine feeling between the members of the Nobility that prevails in every Shrine in the country, to give the ladies an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other, and incidentally—this one in particular—to raise a fund for the purpose of sending the Patrol to a session of the Imperial Council in New Orleans in April, 1910.

The annual session of the Temple occurred November 8, at which time the following divan was elected:

John J. Fisher, Potentate.
Angus H. Mackenzie, Chief Rabban.
Philip L. Holzer, Assistant Rabban.
George W. Crawford, High Priest and Prophet.
Frank S. Slosson, Oriental Guide.
William H. Marigold, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.

CEREMONIAL SESSION BY PAST POTENTATES

November 22, 1909, was the last ceremonial session of the year 1909, and the work was all done by Past Potentates, the following Illustrious Nobles serving on this occasion:

Thad B. Beecher as Potentate.
J. Reed Topping as Assistant Rabban.
Frank M. Wilson as Chief Rabban.
Hugh Stirling as High Priest and Prophet.
John M. Hawley as Oriental Guide.
Thomas H. Macdonald as Marshal.
Merle C. Cowles as First Ceremonial Master.
David M. Trecartin as Second Ceremonial Master.
Charles D. Davis as Inner Guard.
Henry Setzer as Standard Bearer.

The work as rendered by these Past Potentates was in such a manner that they were given round after round of applause at the completion of the work. The ceremonies were preceded by an elaborate lunch in honor of the Past Potentates and the new Shrine Band, under the leadership of Noble Fred Brown.

After the work there was a splendid banquet tendered to the Nobles of Pyramid, at the Stratfield, and it was the occasion for having as our guests a large number from Mecca Temple, including the Illustrious Potentate, William J. Matthews, who entertained the Nobility with some appropriate remarks, on being introduced to the members of Pyramid, and winding up by extending a cordial invitation to attend the grand ceremonial session of Mecca, which was to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York, November 30, 1909.

NOTABLE SESSION OF MECCA TEMPLE

On the afternoon of November 30, 1909, a large number of Nobles went to New York in special cars that had been arranged for by the Illustrious Potentate, Lou P. Bristol, to attend the Grand Ceremonial Session of Mecca Temple. Two carloads of Nobles journeyed to the great city and witnessed the conferring of the Order on nearly six hundred candidates. They returned home on the midnight train, having spent a very enjoyable time. It was estimated that there were 15,000 Nobles in Madison Square Garden at this session.

Pyramid's Arab Patrol, twenty-six strong, and others of the Nobility, escorted the Illustrious Potentate, John J. Fisher, to the meeting of the Imperial Council in New Orleans, in May, 1910. The representatives from Pyramid were: Illustrious Noble John J. Fisher, and Nobles Fred L. Gaylord, Carleton E. Hoadley and James Porter. The journey to the Crescent City was made without untoward incident, and the hospitality shown by the Nobles of Jerusalem Temple, will long be remembered.

TWO CEREMONIAL SESSIONS IN 1910

Two ceremonial sessions of Pyramid Temple were held in 1910, on May 9 and November 28. At the session of May 9, the following petitioners crossed the hot sands of the desert:

J. G. Kingsbury, J. L. McEwan, F. H. Myers, V. P. Staub, D. W. Beach, F. P. Van de Bogart, S. C. Elliott, H. B. Kennedy, H. G. Toucey, H. K. Beach, B. G. Staab, F. W. Adams, C. H. Smith, T. B. Preble, Robert Adamson, R. T. Fairchild, C. M. Beach, W. A. Arnold, Thomas Forsyth, E. A. Evans, C. A. Page, Philip Weidenhammer, John M. Assum.

At the ceremonial session of November 28, the following poor sons of the desert were received into the Nobility:

T. D. Loveland, E. J. Thomas, E. J. Pooley, J. C. Keyes, W. T. Comstock, P. S. Thompson, William Crutch, F. J. Lunny, J. H. Alcorn, C. L. Clark, G. H. Brethauer, T. R. Sucher, C. R. Crowther, F. E. Sands, H. A. House, Jr., W. H. Lattin, Sr., P. G. Goulding, Julius Kohlmaier, F. E. Soule, W. C. Beeman.

OFFICIAL DIVAN FOR 1911

The annual election resulted in the following divan for 1911:

Angus H. MacKenzie, Potentate.
Philip S. Holzer, Chief Rabban.
George E. Crawford, Assistant Rabban.
Frank E. Slosson, High Priest and Prophet.
August M. Engelhard, Oriental Guide.
Robert A. Beers, Treasurer.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.
Carleton E. Hoadley,
Henry D. Miller,
Charles D. Davis, } Trustees.
Angus H. McKenzie,
Carleton E. Hoadley,
John J. Fisher,
James W. Porter, } Representatives to the ImperialCouncil.
Hugh Stirling,
Ebenezer S. Phillips,
Robert A Beers, } Committee on Finance.
Henry F Parrott, First Ceremonial Master.
Fred E. Northrop, Second Ceremonial Master.
John H. Richardson, Director.
D. Fairchild Wheeler, Marshal.

Edward S. Graves, Captain of the Guard.
John Johnston, Outer Guard.
Frederic A. Bartlett, Chief of the Arab Patrol.
Henry C. Stevenson, Lieutenant, Arab Patrol.
George S. Hill, President, Arab Patrol.
Albert J. Merritt, Secretary, Arab Patrol.
John H. Wade, Treasurer, Arab Patrol.
William E. Parker,
Edward W. Greening,
Clifford B. Wilson,
Executive Committee, Arab Patrol.

No pilgrimages were made during the year 1910, and the only event of the year, aside from the two ceremonial sessions, was the annual sheep roast, which was attended by several hundred of the Nobility and their ladies.

CEREMONIAL SESSIONS OF 1911

In the year 1911, two ceremonial sessions were held, the first, on May 8, and the second, November 20. At the former session the following novitiates assumed the Arab's irrevocable vow:

John Dalgliesh,
J. S. Ruff,
E. G. Sprague,
Fred Atwater,
C. B. Blackman,
W. H. Bradley,
C. F. Sieman,
M. G. Leschke,
L. E. Reif,
C. F. Stoddard,
C. B. Allyn,
A. B. Gardner,
A. A. D. Caldwell,
John Elliott,
L. M. Hubbard,
H. T. Towe,
E. B. Sage,
H. C. Nickerson,
F. E. Tipper,
W. H. Lattin, Jr.
W. C. Converse,
B. H. Ball,
E. J. Soule,
H. A. Jennings.

The Arab Patrol and the Nobility in large numbers escorted the delegates to the session of the Imperial Council, held in Rochester, in 1911. The representatives, Nobles MacKenzie, Hoadley, Fisher and Porter, all attended, and gave the usual good report of Pyramid Temple.

The sheep roast of Pyramid Temple, for 1911, was held in September, and was the most largely attended of any yet given.

The ceremonial session of November 20 was marked by the presence of the Imperial Potentate, J. Frank Treat, making an official visitation, accompanied by other members of the Imperial Council, and the occasion was also graced by the attendance of Nobles from many oases. Mr. Treat, whose home is in Fargo, N. Dak., arrived during the day, and in the afternoon was entertained at the Algonquin Club. There at 6 o'clock the visitors were the guests at dinner of the Potentate and Divan of Pyramid Temple.

At 7.30 o'clock in the evening, the ceremonial session began in Eagles' Hall. There were many special features introduced on this occasion. The Patrol was never in better form, while the Band of Pyramid Temple, which, under the leadership and direction of Noble Frederick E. Brown, has been brought to a high state of efficiency, gave the finishing touch to the best ceremonial session in the history of Pyramid Temple.

ARAB PATROL OF PYRAMID TEMPLE

The Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple became an organized body during the term of Potentate Frank M. Wilson, in 1902. Previous to that time the novices were taken in charge at ceremonial sessions by cohorts selected the night of the session. In every instance under that plan the candidates were well taken care of, for Nobles having the ability and desire to give the newly-made Shriners a warm reception into the particular ceremonies of the Order in which they were called to act, could be found to do the work, especially as it required no rehearsal or drill. The cohorts wore loose, brown-striped uniforms and many of the older members remember vividly the zebra-striped crowd bearing down upon them, and of what happened during the journey across the hot sands to Mecca. In 1902, Pyramid Temple, always striving to keep abreast of sister temples, took up the matter of an appropriately uniformed and drilled patrol, and voted to purchase twelve uniforms for a regular patrol, which was at once organized. Noble Casper D. Wallace was selected as the first chief. The other members were Nobles Angus MacKenzie, D. M. Trecartin, both afterwards Illustrious Potentates of Pyramid Temple, Frank Gernert, Charles M. Biltz, Frederic A. Bartlett, Harry S. Pearsons, A. H. Bullard, Ernest P. Lyon, George W. Osborn, William M. Richardson, and Frank S. Slosson. A patrol, well drilled and handsomely uniformed, appearing on the floor, as escort to the Potentate, at his entrance at ceremonial sessions, following with an exhibition drill, and later conducting the work in the second section, was an innovation, and found so much favor with the Nobility, that a year or two later there was no difficulty in adding twelve more uniforms, making a patrol of two officers and twenty-four men. Noble Wallace had retired as chief, and Noble Frederic A. Bartlett, the present chief, was appointed in his stead. The Patrol was well organized and drilled, and great interest was taken by the members in its advancement. Generous support was accorded by the Temple from time to time, making it possible for the Patrol to do much in the way of entertaining patrols of other temples, and in turn making pilgrimages to sister temples as guests of their patrols. Visits to Mecca, Lulu, Salaam, and other temples, and the pleasure of entertaining sister patrols at ceremonial sessions, summer outings, and otherwise, as the guests of Pyramid Patrol, followed rapidly during the next few years. The Patrol became very popular and was enlarged by making all Past Potentates members, and a list of Nobles prominent in business, social and political life was added as honorary members. During all this time the Patrol had existed as a body, without the official sanction of Pyramid Temple, and although no question was ever raised as to its status, it was thought best to have the Patrol, now grown to be a popular and important part of the Temple and its work, exist under the sanction of the Temple. This was accomplished during the term of Lou P. Bristol, and without any friction whatever, but with added stability and standing in the Order.

FIRST PILGRIMAGE OF PYRAMID PATROL

In 1909, the Patrol made its first official pilgrimage to the Imperial Council Session, going as escort to Potentate Bristol, and the delegates to Louisville, Ky. The following year the Patrol was at the session in New Orleans, La., as escort to Potentate John J. Fisher; and again, at Rochester, N. Y., in 1911, was in attendance as escort to Potentate Angus MacKenzie. On each pilgrimage to the Imperial

Council Session, either going or returning, extensive side trips have been taken, and in each instance the entire trip has been very enjoyable and successfully carried out.

On February 28, 1912, the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Patrol was celebrated by a dinner at the Algonquin Club. Noble Casper D. Wallace, the first chief of patrol, and members of the original patrol, were present. Potentate Holzer, Past Potentates, honorary, retired, and active members, to the number of sixty, were present. It was a very enjoyable affair, and of great benefit to the Patrol.

The organization is officially named: The Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and its membership is divided into three classes: honorary, retired, and active. The Illustrious Potentate, and all Past Potentates, are honorary members. The number of honorary members is limited to twenty-five, but in that number are not included the Past Potentates. The retired list is made up of those who have served ten years in the active Patrol. The membership of the active list is limited to fifty-six. The active members are subject to the call of the chief for drill or service, at ceremonial sessions, or on any occasion.

The officers are: president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive committee of three, all of whom are elected by ballot, to serve one year. The active or marching Patrol are more directly under the direction of the chief, who is also elected by the members, and a lieutenant who is appointed by the chief, to serve during the pleasure of the chief.

The past and present officers of the association since it was organized are:

Presidents: Louis Kutscher, Jr., 1908-1909; George S. Hill, 1910-1911; John H. Richardson, 1912.

Secretaries: Harry S. Parrott, 1908; R. Irwin Smith, 1909; John H. Richardson, 1910; Albert J. Merritt, 1911-1912.

Treasurers: Frank S. Slosson, 1908-1909; John H. Wade, 1910-1911-1912.

Executive committee—1909: A. M. Engelhard, R. Irwin Smith, H. C. Stevenson; 1910: E. T. Buckingham, E. B. Griffith, George G. Beers; 1911: W. E. Parker, Edward C. Greening, Clifford B. Wilson; 1912: Ralph T. Fairchild, Fred J. Benton, A. Elliott Frost.

The membership of the Patrol is as follows:

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Frederic A. Bartlett, Chief,
Edward C. Greening,
Edward B. Griffith,
George S. Hill,
Harry A. House, Jr.
Leonard M. Allen,
George W. Roberts,
William C. Hawley,
Isaac T. Banks,
Fred Schussler,
George Kingston,
George G. Beers,
Frank S. Slosson,
Jere G. Kingsbury,
Lou P. Bristol,
George E. Smith,
Charles Logan,
Samuel S. Dimond,
Albert J. Merritt,
Henry C. Stevenson, Lieut.
George F. Foote,
Henry S. Burr,
William E. Parker,
Henry F. Parrott,
John H. Richardson,
Hubert W. Hart,
Henry E. Bishop,
Fred. A. Strong,
Thomas W. Joyce,
Edward T. Buckingham,
Ralph C. Sherwood,
Louis Kutscher, Jr.
Fred A. Benton,
R. Irwin Smith,
Julius Kohlmaier,
Herman K. Beach,
Harry G. Toucey,
George H. T. Wallis,
Isaac T. Ferris,
John H. Wade,
Frank H. Myers,
A. A. E. Frost,
Clifford B. Wilson,
Erastus G. Oakley,
Anker S. Lyhne,
August M. Engelhard,
Joel T. Wooster,
Joseph P. Frisbie,
Edward S. Warnes,
Fred E. Northrop,
Ralph T. Fairchild,
Harry D. Miller,
Angus H. MacKenzie.

HONORARY MEMBERS

William E. Burnham
Lewis B. Curtis
Howard T. Farnam
George I. Flint
Fred L. Gaylord
Sidney E. Hawley,
Carleton E. Hoadley,
George M. Baldwin
Fred E. Brown
Jacob Huber
George W. Jackman
Otto Lehman
William H. Marigold
Herbert R. McChesney
James W. Porter
Frank M. Scott
E. Stewart Sumner

Nobles who have been members of the Patrol since its organization are: Otis Conant, Charles Bottomly, Lacey R. Blackman, George E. Fox, George Heisler, F. W. Smith, Jr., George B. Coley, William P. Downs, William C. Hamilton Frank Ballard, Joseph W. Smith, Harry Lamb, George Melius, W. A. Macfarlane, Edward A. Stacey, E. W. Wigley, Edward Earnshaw, and J. Rudolph Laubscher.

The Patrol have a side degree which they exemplify, and into the mysteries of which a large number of Nobles have been initiated at meetings of the Imperial Council and elsewhere. The marching song of the Patrol is as follows:

Keep your eye on Pyramid Patrol,
When they go out for a quiet stroll,
Watch them form in line and think
What to order next to—be sent home to mother—
You can bet it will be something nice,
Can't you hear our Willie cracking ice?
'Tis the time and the place,
Be a Shriner, set the pace,
Pyramid, Pyramid Patrol.

What the Patrol look upon as a very important adjunct, and take great pride in, is the Pyramid Temple Band. Several active members of the Patrol, while maintaining their allegiance to the Patrol, are also members of the Band, and every effort is being made to bring the Band and Patrol together, and in closer touch with the work of the Patrol.

PYRAMID TEMPLE BAND

The Pyramid Temple Band having been organized during the summer of 1909, as additional talent was discovered among the Nobility, it was recruited up to its present standard. Illustrious Noble Lou P. Bristol, at that time Potentate of Pyramid, asked Noble Brown if it would be possible to get together enough musicians who were members of Pyramid Temple, to play at the annual clam bake and sheep roast, to be given August 25, of that year. Noble Brown began to cast about him, and a band was formed. All the members are accomplished musicians, many of them have played in bands or orchestras, and some are still so engaged. The Band played together the first time without a single rehearsal, and so well did it acquit itself at the clam bake, that it was decided to make it a regular feature of Pyramid's ceremonials and outings. It is composed as follows, all of its members being members of Pyramid Temple:

Norman G. Barber, Meriden. D. Clifford Hall, Bridgeport. Frederick A. Strong, Bridgeport. Philip Weidenhammer, Bridgeport.	Clarinets.
Frank G. Clark, Danbury. Charles A. Hodge, Danbury. George P. Sanborn, Bridgeport. Joseph H. Stagg, Bridgeport. Frederick E. Brown, Bridgeport.	Cornets.
A. E. Blakeslee, Thomaston. Frederick O. Dauchy, Danbury. August M. Engelhard, Bridgeport.	Altos.
George H. Whitlock, Ridgefield. William H. Paddock, Bridgeport. Richard Pryce, Bridgeport.	Trombones.

William G. Newell, Bridgeport—Baritone.

Arthur G. Todd, New Milford. Albert W. Dow, Bridgeport.	Tubas.

John Keogh, South Norwalk—Tenor drum.

George W. Roberts, Bridgeport—Bass drum.

Frederick Schussler, Bridgeport—Cymbals.

To the accompaniment of the music of this Band and in the presence of the Imperial Potentate and the visiting Nobles, the following made the pilgrimage to Mecca, after submitting unflinchingly to the Moslem Test:

George Wilcox,
L. W. Lee,
E. W. Fairchild,
Richard Pryce,
E. M. Christie,
W. C. Watson,
W. R. Muirhead,
E. C. Haviland,
W. H. Hegel,
F. J. Lockyer,
A. W. Nicholls,
E. S. Lovegrove,
R. H. Thomas,
T. L. Guild,
G. M. Stadler,
C. A. Reed,
W. E. Graham,
D. H. Treadwell,
T. R. Antwis,
R. W. Miller,
H. H. Hamilton.

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR 1912

At the annual election of officers for 1912, Carleton E. Hoadley was elected Honorary Illustrious Potentate. Noble Hoadley has been continuously, since 1896, one of the representatives of Pyramid Temple to the Imperial Council. He has been a pillar of strength to the Temple, both as representative and trustee, and it was decided that he could be honored in no better way than with the title of Honorary Potentate. The official divan for the year 1912 follows:

Philip L. Holzer, Potentate.
George E. Crawford, Chief Rabban.
Frank S. Slosson, Assistant Rabban.
August M. Engelhard, High Priest and Prophet.
Robert A. Beers, Oriental Guide.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder.

Philip L. Holzer, Angus H. McKenzie, Carleton E. Hoadley, Frederick L. Gaylord,	Representatives to the Imperial Council.
John H. Richardson, John J. Fisher, Isaac T. Banks,	Finance Committee.

Fred E. Northrop, First Ceremonial Master.
D. Fairchild Wheeler, Second Ceremonial Master.
John H. Richardson, Marshal.
Edward L. Graves, Director.
Ralph C. Sherwood, Captain of the Guard.
John Johnston, Outer Guard.
Lacey R Blackman, Alchemist.
Edward B. Griffith, Pyrotechnist.
Philip L. Wilkins, Master of the Robes.
Carleton E. Hoadley, Inquisitor.
Joseph P. Frisbie, Commissary.

Past Illustrious Potentates

*Thomas R. Cruttenden, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880 and 1881.
Julius W. Knowlton, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890 and 1894.
Thad B. Beecher, 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1897.
Hugh Stirling, 1895 and 1896.
J. Reed Topping, M. D., 1898 and 1899.
Jesse B. Cornwall, 1900.
Frank M. Wilson, 1901.
Fred C. Whipple, 1902.
Henry Setzer, 1902 (Honorary).
*Thomas H. Macdonald, 1903.
Merle C. Cowles, 1904.
David M. Trecartin, M. D., 1905.
John M. Hawley, 1906 and 1907.
Charles D. Davis, 1908.
Lou P. Bristol, 1909.
John H. Fisher, 1910.
Angus H. MacKenzie, 1911.

*Deceased.

PYRAMID TEMPLE BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This temple shall be known and distinguished as Pyramid Temple, located at Bridgeport, Conn., and is constituted by authority of a charter granted by the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America, from which it derives all its powers and privileges, and to whose statutes and regulations, rules and orders implicit respect and obedience shall ever be paid by the members.

ARTICLE II.

SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. The stated session of this Temple shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month, excepting the months of July, August and September, and other sessions may be called by the Illustrious Potentate whenever he may deem the same to be necessary.

SEC. 2. Special sessions shall be called by the Illustrious Potentate upon written request, signed by at least twenty-five members of this Temple, all of whom shall be in good standing, and such request shall set forth specifically the purposes for which such session is called, and no business other than that specified in said call shall be transacted at such session.

SEC. 3. The hour of meeting shall be 8 o'clock p. m., unless otherwise specified in the call.

SEC. 4. A quorum shall consist of seven members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the body.

ARTICLE III.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Ceremonies of Opening.
2. Reading of Minutes of last Session.
3. Reports of Standing and Special Committees.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. New Business.
6. Balloting on Petitions.
7. Conferring the Order.
8. Closing Exercises.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers shall be:

1.	Illustrious Potentate	Shayk
2.	Chief Rabban	Emeer
3.	Assistant Rabban	Sahib
4.	High Priest and Prophet	Imam
5.	Oriental Guide	Ayn
6.	Treasurer	Chayzin
7.	Recorder	Katib
8.	First Ceremonial Master	Wakil
9.	Second Ceremonial Master or Standard Bearer	Alam
10.	Director	Malah
11.	Marshal	Amal
12.	Captain of the Guard	Rays
13.	Outer Guard	Hafiz

And three Trustees.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The first seven Officers, Trustees and Representatives to the Imperial Council shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of all votes cast, at the Annual Session in December.

SEC. 2. The other officers shall be appointed by the Illustrious Potentate.

SEC. 3. The officers shall be installed on the night of election, or at the next Stated Session thereafter, when a constitutional number shall be present, and every officer shall perform the duties of his office until his successor is duly elected or appointed and installed.

SEC. 4. All yearly salaries, except as herein provided for, shall be fixed and determined previous to the election of officers.

ARTICLE VI.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1. At the annual meeting in December, 1905, three Trustees shall be chosen by ballot, and by a majority of votes, one to serve one year, one for two years and one for three years; thereafter one Trustee shall be elected at each annual session for a term of three years. The Trustees shall elect their own chairman.

SEC. 2. A vacancy for any cause which may occur in the Board of Trustees shall be filled for the unexpired term by an election to be held at the next stated session, of which due notice shall be given to the Nobles of the Temple.

SEC. 3. Either of the trustees may be removed from office for non-performance of duty or for improper conduct, if found guilty, after a fair and impartial trial according to the laws and usages of the Order.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The duties of the officers shall be such as pertain to their several stations in accordance with the Constitution of the Imperial Council, or which may be assigned by the Temple, and every officer shall be held personally responsible to the Illustrious Potentate and through him to the Temple, that his office shall be filled with dignity and honor. Any appointed officer failing to perform the duties appertaining to his office may be removed by the Potentate.

Sec. 2. The Illustrious Potentate has it in special charge to see that these By-Laws are duly observed, as well as the Statutes, Edicts, and Regulations of the Imperial Council; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered, and that regular returns are made to the Imperial Council. He shall have authority to call special sessions at pleasure; he shall at all times require the observance of decorum and propriety, and suppress any exhibition of levity and unbecoming conduct among the members, and shall use every effort to perfect the happiness and promote the welfare of the Temple and its members.

Sec. 3. In the absence of the Illustrious Potentate, the Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban will severally assume the duties and prerogatives; and in the event of the absence of the three principal officers, Past Potentates present, according to their rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Recorder, give his receipt therefor, and deposit the same as Treasurer to the credit of Pyramid Temple in such banks as may be designated by the Executive Committee, which money shall only be withdrawn on orders drawn by the Recorder and attested by the Illustrious Potentate and signed by the Treasurer, for bills approved by a majority of the Finance Committee, for payments voted by the Temple, and for payments to the Trustees on instructions from the Executive Committee of all moneys not required to pay regular expenses, but nothing shall be so turned over to the Trustees unless the amount on hand exceeds one thousand dollars, and then only the amount in excess of one thousand dollars.

"He shall pay to the Trustees for deposit to the account of Pyramid Building Redemption Fund (provided for in Article X, Section I) Two Dollars and Fifty Cents ($2.50) of the annual dues of each member within thirty (30) days after said dues shall have been received by him."

He shall keep a cash book and such other records and in such form as may be designated by the Executive Committee.

He shall present a written report at the annual session, and at such other times as required by the Potentate or Executive Committee, and shall report to the Recorder, at each stated session, the amount of money on hand.

He shall deliver promptly to his successor, in office, all property and funds of the Temple he may have in his possession.

He shall give a Surety Company bond to Pyramid Temple in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, on assuming the duties of the office.

Sec. 5. The Recorder shall keep proper minutes of the proceedings of the Temple, and accounts between the Temple and its members in such form as may be designated by the Executive Committee.

He shall collect and receive all the revenue, issuing proper receipt therefor, and pay the same to the Treasurer on or before the second Wednesday of each month, taking a receipt therefor.

He shall draw such orders as may be duly authorized.

He shall issue all notices to the members, all certificates, and attend to the official correspondence, as may be required by the Temple or Illustrious Potentate.

He shall have charge of the seal, books, papers, and records of the Temple, under the supervision of the Illustrious Potentate.

He shall present a written report, at the annual session, and at such other times as requested by the Executive Committee, giving full details of the receipts and disbursements and information in relation to membership, including a list of deceased Nobles, and a list of members in arrears.

He shall, during the month of January, in each year, send to each member a bill for his indebtedness, and visiting cards to life members.

He shall promptly deliver to his successor, in office, all the property of the Temple in his possession.

He shall give a Surety Company bond to Pyramid Temple, in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars on assuming the duties of the office.

Sec. 6. The Outer Guard shall perform such official duties as may be required.

ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of Trustees.

Section 1. The Trustees shall have the custody of all the property of the Temple, execute all leases and contracts, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Temple.

They shall deposit moneys in their possession, in the name of the Trustees of Pyramid Temple, in such banks or trust companies as may be designated by the Executive Committee; and the signatures of at least two Trustees shall be required to withdraw the same. The Trustees, subject to the order of the Executive Committee, shall have power to invest in bonds and mortgages as are permitted by the State of Connecticut for the investment of trust funds.

They shall meet prior to and at the annual session in each year, or more frequently if required.

They shall pay over to the Recorder twice a year the income received from the investment of the Life Membership Fund.

They shall present a written report of their proceedings at the annual session, and at such other times as requested by the Illustrious Potentate or Executive Committee, and shall each be required to give bonds to Pyramid Temple in the sum of five thousand dollars on assuming the duties of the office.

ARTICLE IX.

Committees.

Section 1. All committees other than the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Illustrious Potentate.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Illustrious Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, together with the Trustees. The Illustrious Potentate shall preside at all meetings. They shall meet once a month and at the call of the Illustrious Potentate, and are empowered to hire necessary help, provide proper entertainments, secure proper places for meetings, summon before them for investigation members on charges of non-payments of dues or any violation of duty or decorum, and transact such other business as may be found necessary in the interim of sessions of the Temple.

Sec. 3. A Finance Committee of three shall be appointed immediately after the installation of officers, whose duties shall be to examine and approve, reject or correct all bills or accounts against the Temple, before presentation by the Recorder; and all such bills and accounts contracted by order of the Temple shall bear the approval of the member empowered to contract the same before being submitted to the Finance Committee.

SEC. 4. At the stated session next preceding that when the election of officers is to take place, a committee of three shall be appointed to examine the books of the Treasurer, Recorder and Trustees, and such committee shall report thereon at the next stated session.

ARTICLE X.

PYRAMID BUILDING REDEMPTION FUND.

SECTION 1. A special fund, to be known as Pyramid Building Redemption Fund, is hereby established in charge of the Trustees of this Temple, and all funds received from the Treasurer for the Pyramid Building Redemption Fund, in accordance with Section 4, Article VII., are to be deposited in some savings bank or banks in Fairfield County, as a trust fund under the name of Pyramid Building Redemption Fund, to be withdrawn only upon an order of the Temple signed by a majority of the Trustees, and then only immediately following a dividend day of the bank. Each six months there shall be withdrawn all the even hundred dollars on deposit, which shall be used in purchasing at par shares of stock of the Pyramid Temple Building Corporation, which shall be transferred to the name of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

The above to be effective only after the completion of the Temple building.

The said stock certificates shall be drawn by number, by lot. When this Temple shall have acquired all of the said stock of the said corporation the said withdrawals of deposits shall continue to be made as aforesaid and used in purchasing at par the second mortgage bonds in multiples of $100.00 of said corporation, which shall thereupon be marked paid and filed in the archives of the Temple.

The said bonds shall be drawn by number, by lot. When all of the second mortgage bonds shall have been cancelled the said withdrawals shall continue to be made as aforesaid and used in making payments upon the first mortgage and thereby reducing the same. When the first mortgage notes shall have been fully paid and cancelled, and the mortgage released of record, the said Redemption Fund shall cease to exist, and the Trustees shall thereafter deposit all such funds received from the Treasurer with their General Fund, subject to the order of the Temple, as provided in the first paragraph of this section.

This entire Article is contingent upon the successful formation and operation of the Pyramid Temple Building Corporation, the stock of which must be issued subject to call at par by this Temple.

ARTICLE XI.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The membership fee shall be $50.00, which shall cover the dues for the current year; $10.00 shall accompany the petition and the remainder of the fee shall be paid before the conferring of the Order. If the petition is rejected the deposit shall be returned, but if accepted and the candidate neglects to present himself for initiation within one year thereafter the election shall be declared void and the deposit forfeited to the Temple.

SEC. 2. The fee for affiliation shall be $5.00, to accompany the petition, and shall be returned if the applicant is rejected.

SEC. 3. Annual dues shall be $4.00, payable on the first day of January in each year in advance. Upon the receipt of dues from any member of the Temple the Recorder shall send the visiting card for the year, as provided by the Imperial Council, which shall be a receipt for dues for the year named thereon, and in case any member shall neglect to pay his dues prior to the annual meeting in December, he shall be suspended from the rights and privileges of the Order until all arrearages shall have been paid, and if the arrearages continue unpaid for six months additional, his name shall be stricken from the roll of members. A member who in consequence of unpaid arrearages has had his membership declared forfeited cannot again be received into the Order except he pay all arrearages to date of reinstatement, and receive at least two-thirds of the votes of members present and voting. The Recorder shall notify a member in arrears and send him a copy of these By-Laws at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting. The Recorder shall notify each member who has been suspended, of such action, and in the event of his being stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, he shall be notified thereof.

SEC. 4. A member who shall during any year pay into the funds of the Temple the sum of $60.00 at one time, his dues for the preceding years being paid, shall be exempt for life from annual dues, and entry shall be made of such payments in the records of the Temple. No refund shall be allowed to any member taking a dimit or being dropped from the rolls, either at his request, or for any other reason whatsoever.

SEC. 5. All moneys received for life membership shall be constituted as a special fund, to be known as "Life Membership Fund," which shall be turned over to the Trustees for deposit or investment. The interest or revenue of said fund may be used in lieu of dues of the contributors. The principal of this fund shall stand for all time as a regular source of income and shall not be diverted to any other purpose.

ARTICLE XII.

ELECTION AND DIMITS OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. All applications to this Temple for the Order, or for affiliation, shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Imperial Council, and shall, if received, be referred to an Investigating Committee of three members appointed by the Illustrious Potentate, and no ballot shall be taken on any application until the report of the Investigating Committee has been received.

SEC. 2. If upon balloting for a candidate, subsequent to a favorable report, three black balls shall appear, another ballot shall be immediately had, but no more; upon the appearance of three black balls a second time, the candidate shall be declared rejected, and disqualified from making a second application for thirteen weeks.

SEC. 3. After a candidate has been declared elected, any subsequent objection or protest must be filed in writing before his initiation, signed by at least three members of the body, and must stand. Said objection shall be entered upon the minutes and shall have the same force and effect as a second ballot, and shall prevent a reconsideration for thirteen weeks.

SEC. 4. A petition for affiliation must be accompanied by the petitioner's dimit from the Temple of which he was formerly a member, and a certificate of good standing as a Knight Templar or Thirty-Second Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

The petition must be laid over until the next regular session and balloted for the same as a petition for initiation, and, if rejected, may be received again at any subsequent session.

SEC. 5. An application to withdraw from membership shall be made in writing and dimit shall be granted by order of the Illustrious Potentate, provided the petitioner is clear from all dues, and there be no charges preferred.

ARTICLE XIII.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SECTION 1. The funds shall be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Temple, and to such acts of charity as may be authorized by a vote of the Temple, and such appropriation shall only be made at stated sessions.

SEC. 2. The Recorder shall receive three hundred dollars annually; the Treasurer shall receive fifty dollars annually, and the Outer Guard shall receive five dollars for each ceremonial session, and one dollar and fifty cents for stated session, the same to be full compensation for all services rendered in their respective stations, and no other officers of this Temple shall be paid.

SEC. 3. The premium on all surety company bonds required of the several officers shall be paid for by the Temple.

ARTICLE XIV.

DECISIONS AND APPEALS.

SECTION 1. All questions before this Temple, except such as are provided for, shall be determined by a majority of votes, and it is the duty of every member present, when a question is submitted to the Temple, to vote thereon.

SEC. 2. Should there be a tie, the presiding officer may give the deciding vote.

SEC. 3. No appeal from the decision of the Illustrious Potentate shall lie to the Temple, but any member may appeal from his decision to the Imperial Potentate.

ARTICLE XV.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. No part of these By-Laws shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any additions be made thereto, unless the proposed amendments be offered in writing at the stated session, and be borne upon the notice, and received and sanctioned by two-thirds of the members present at the next stated session.

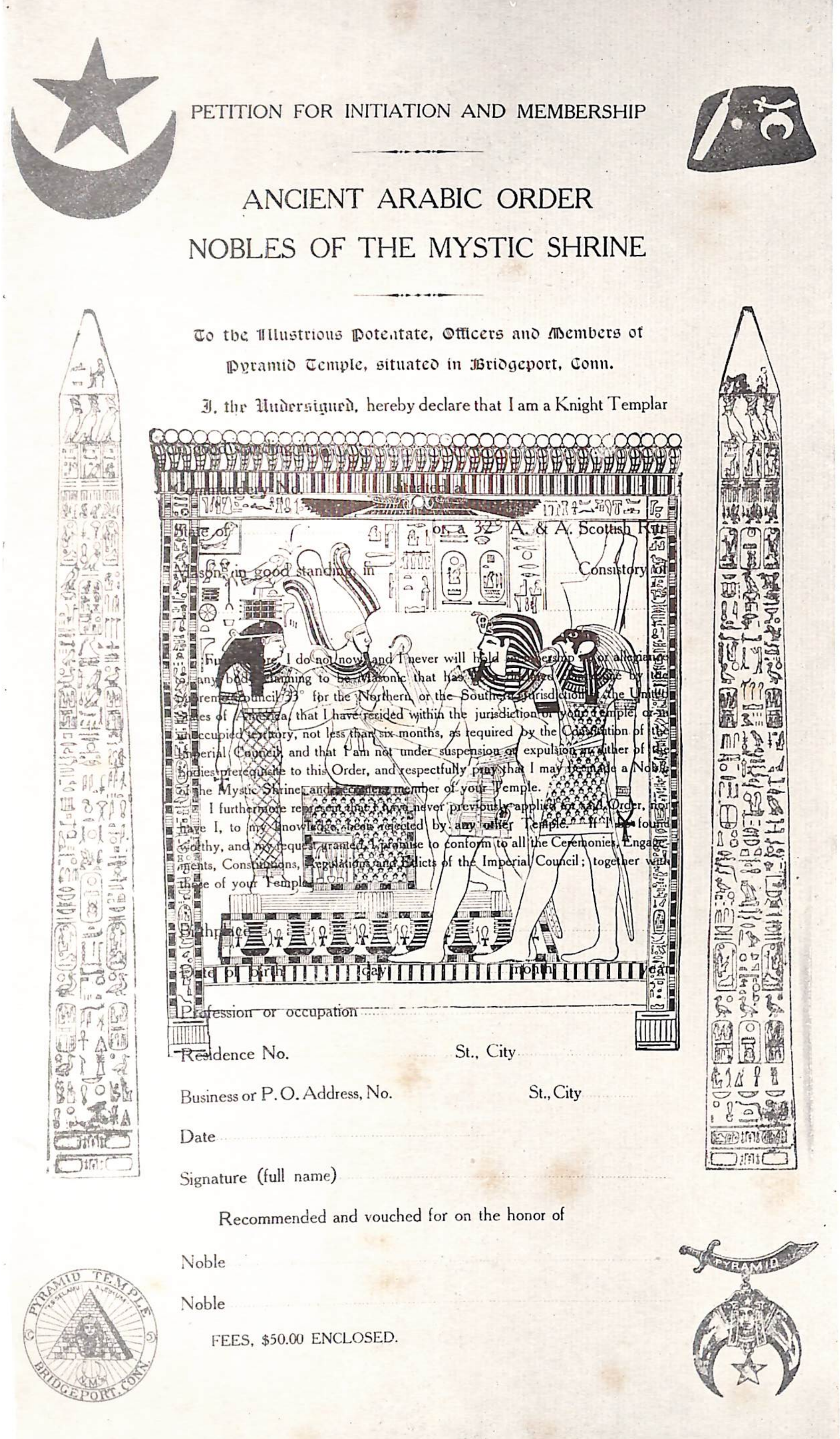
These By-Laws shall take effect on the approval of the Imperial Potentate, and shall then supersede all preceding by-laws.

Arabic Almanac

The word almanac is derived from the Arabic words *al* and *manah*, to count. Almanacs in ancient days were employed by the Alexandrian Greeks, but their introduction into Europe is uncertain.

First day of Arabic month begins on:

Rabih ul Akhir.....	1301	Jan. 30, 1884	1302	Jan. 18, 1885
Jamaz ul Awwal...	1301	Feb. 23, 1884	1302	Feb. 16, 1885
Jamaz ul Akhir....	1301	Mar. 29, 1884	1302	Mar. 18, 1885
Rajab	1301	April 27, 1884	1302	April 16, 1885
Shaaban	1301	May 27, 1884	1302	May 16, 1885
Ramadan	1301	June 25, 1884	1302	June 14, 1885
Shawwal	1301	July 25, 1884	1302	July 14, 1885
Dhu'l-Kaada	1301	Aug. 23, 1884	1302	Aug. 12, 1885
Dhu'l-Hajja	1301	Sept. 22, 1884	1302	Sept. 11, 1885
Moharrum	1302	Oct. 21, 1884	1303	Oct. 10, 1885
Safar	1302	Nov. 20, 1884	1303	Nov. 9, 1885
Rabih ul Awwal....	1302	Dec. 19, 1884	1303	Dec. 8, 1885
Rabih ul Akhir.....	1302	Jan. 18, 1885	1303	Jan. 7, 1886



PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Members of
Pyramid Temple, situated in Bridgeport, Conn.

I, the Undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Knight Templar in good standing in

Commandery No. situated at

State of or a 32° A. & A. Scottish Rite

Mason, in good standing, in Consistory of

Furthermore, I do not now and I never will hold membership in or allegiance to any body claiming to be Masonic that has been declared clandestine by the Supreme Council 33° for the Northern or the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, that I have resided within the jurisdiction of your Temple, or in unoccupied territory, not less than six months, as required by the Constitution of the Imperial Council, and that I am not under suspension or expulsion in either of the bodies prerequisite to this Order, and respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your Temple.

I furthermore represent that I have never previously applied for said Order, nor have I, to my knowledge, been rejected by any other Temple. If I am found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to all the Ceremonies, Engagements, Constitutions, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council; together with those of your Temple.

Birthplace

Date of birth day month year

Profession or occupation

Residence No. St., City

Business or P. O. Address, No. St., City

Date

Signature (full name)

Recommended and vouched for on the honor of

Noble

Noble

FEES, $50.00 ENCLOSED.

All Roads That Lead to God Are Good

All roads that lead to God are good;
What matters it, your faith or mine?
Both center at the goal divine
Of love's eternal brotherhood.

The kindly life in house or street;
The life of prayer and mystic rite;
The student's search for truth and light;
These paths at one great junction meet.

Before the oldest book was writ,
Full many a prehistoric soul,
Arrived at this unchanging goal,
Through changeless love that led to it.

What matters that one found his Christ
In rising sun or burning fire?
If faith within him did not tire,
His longing for the truth sufficed.

Before our modern hell was brought
To edify a modern world,
Full many a hate-filled soul was hurled
In lakes of fire by its own thought.

A thousand creeds have come and gone;
But what is that to you or me?
Creeds are but branches of a tree—
The root of love lives on and on.

Though branch by branch proves withered wood,
The root is warm with precious wine;
Then keep your faith and leave me mine;
All roads that lead to God are good.

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

Whatever road I take joins the highway that leads to Thee.—Persian Scriptures.

The pure man respects every form of faith.—Buddhist.

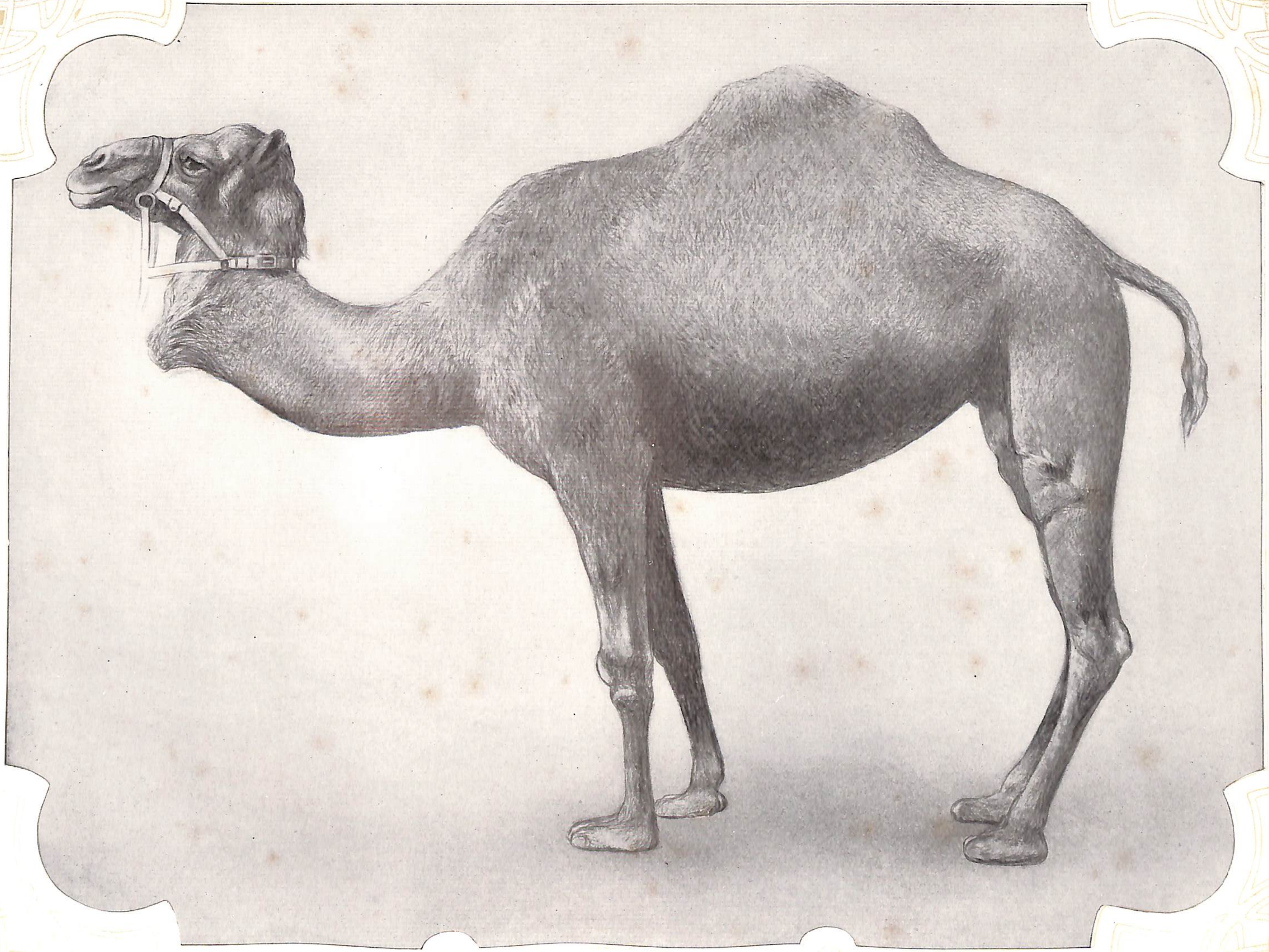
The broad-minded see the truth in different religions; the narrow-minded see only the difference, says the Chinese.

The narrow-minded ask, "Is this man a stranger, or is he of our tribe?" But to those in whom love dwells, the whole world is but one family.—Hindu.

"Altar flowers are of many species, but all worship is one."
Are we not all children of one Father?—Christian.

I dreamed that stone by stone I reared a sacred fane, a temple, neither pagoda, mosque, nor church, but loftier, simpler, always open-doored to every breath from heaven, and Truth and Peace and Love and Justice came and dwelt therein.—Tennyson.

"From this hour I ordain myself loos'd of limits and imaginary lines,
Going where I list, my own master total and absolute,
Listening to others, considering well what they say,
Pausing, searching, receiving, contemplating,
Gently, but with undeniable will divesting myself of the holds that would hold me."



THE SHIP OF THE DESERT

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PYRAMID TEMPLE

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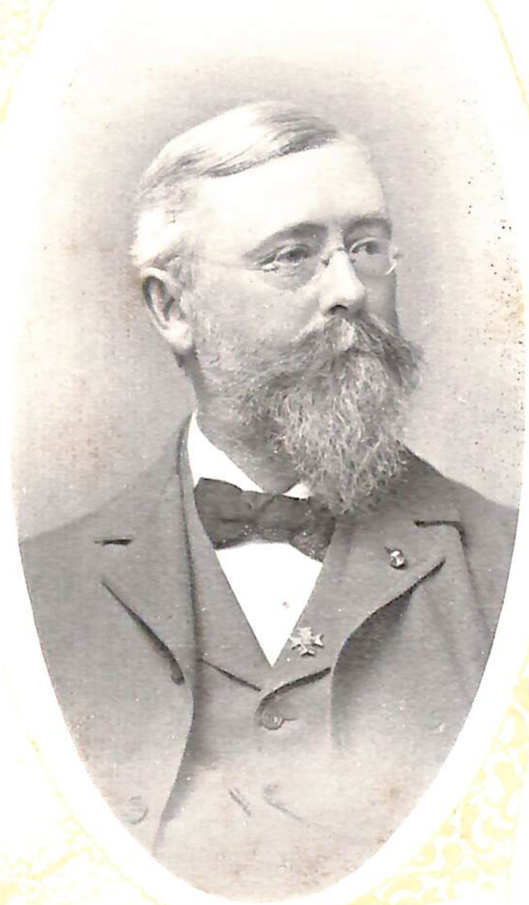
ARAB PATROL AND BAND



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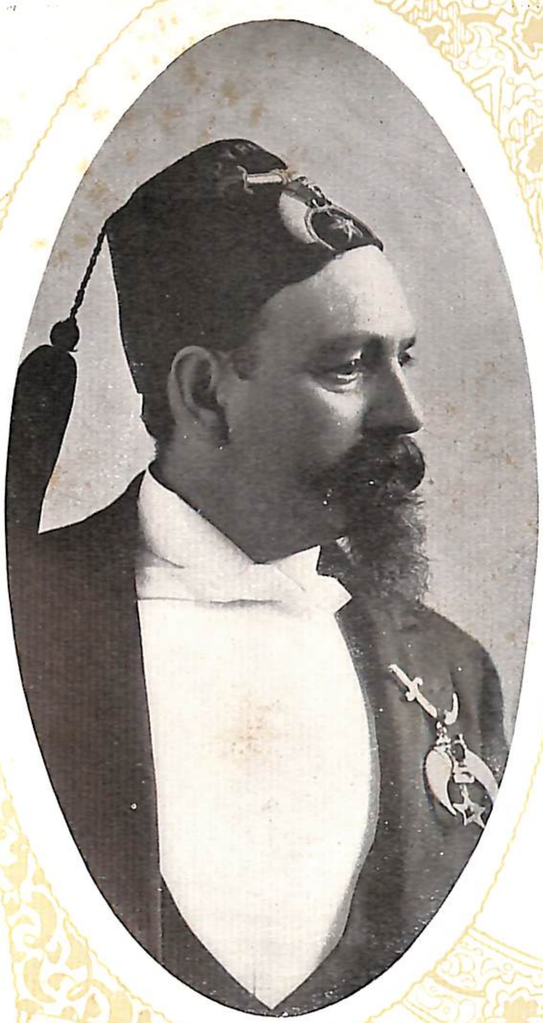

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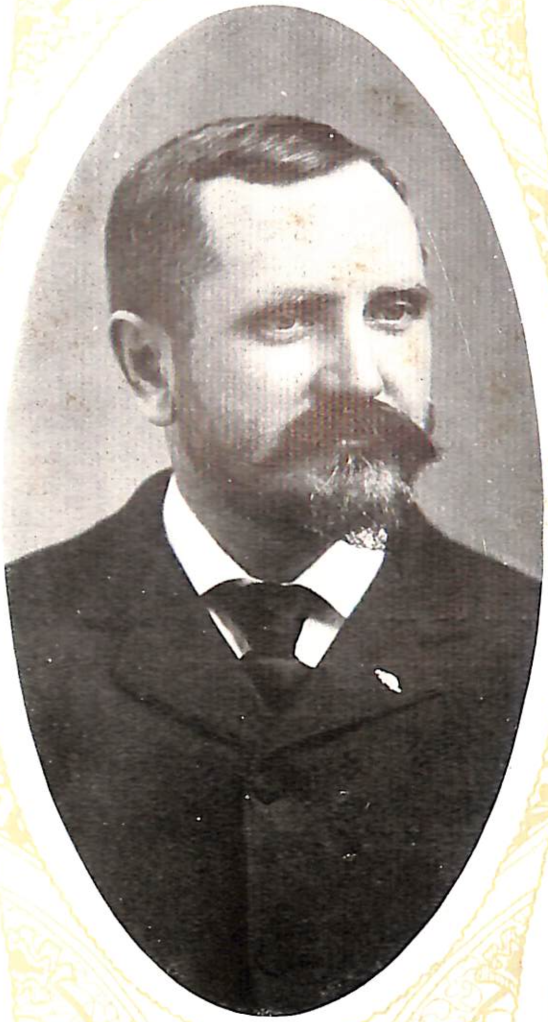

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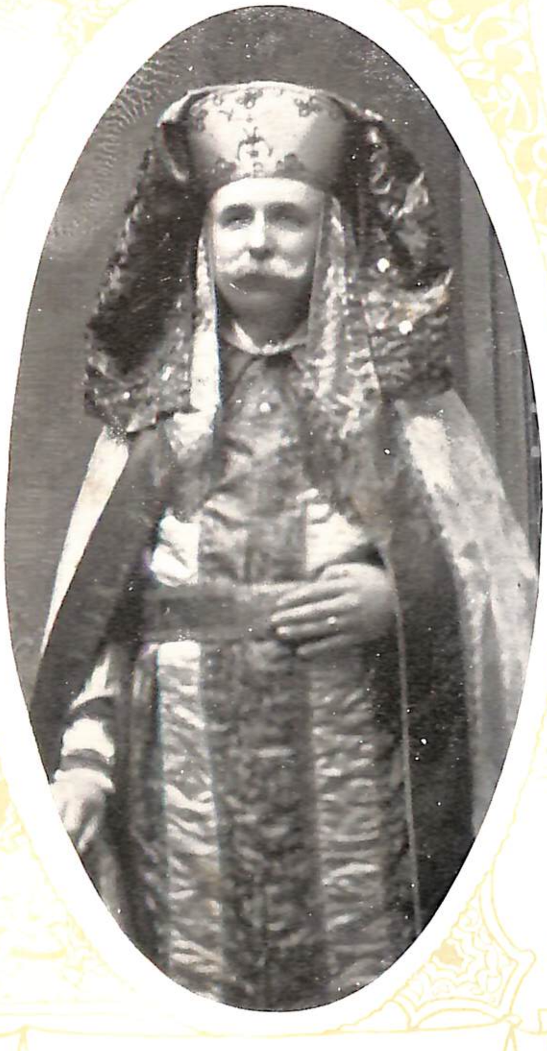

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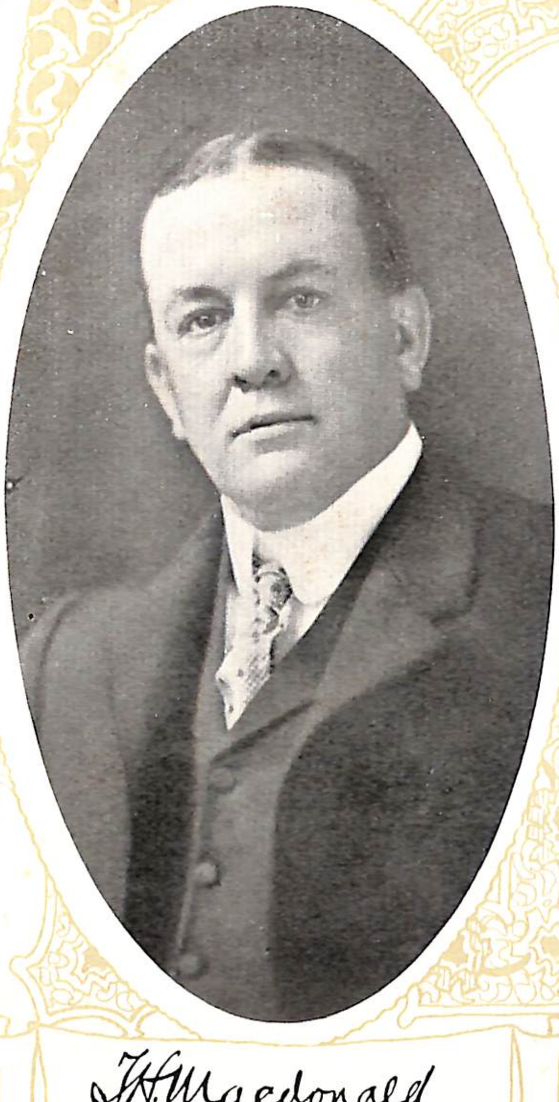

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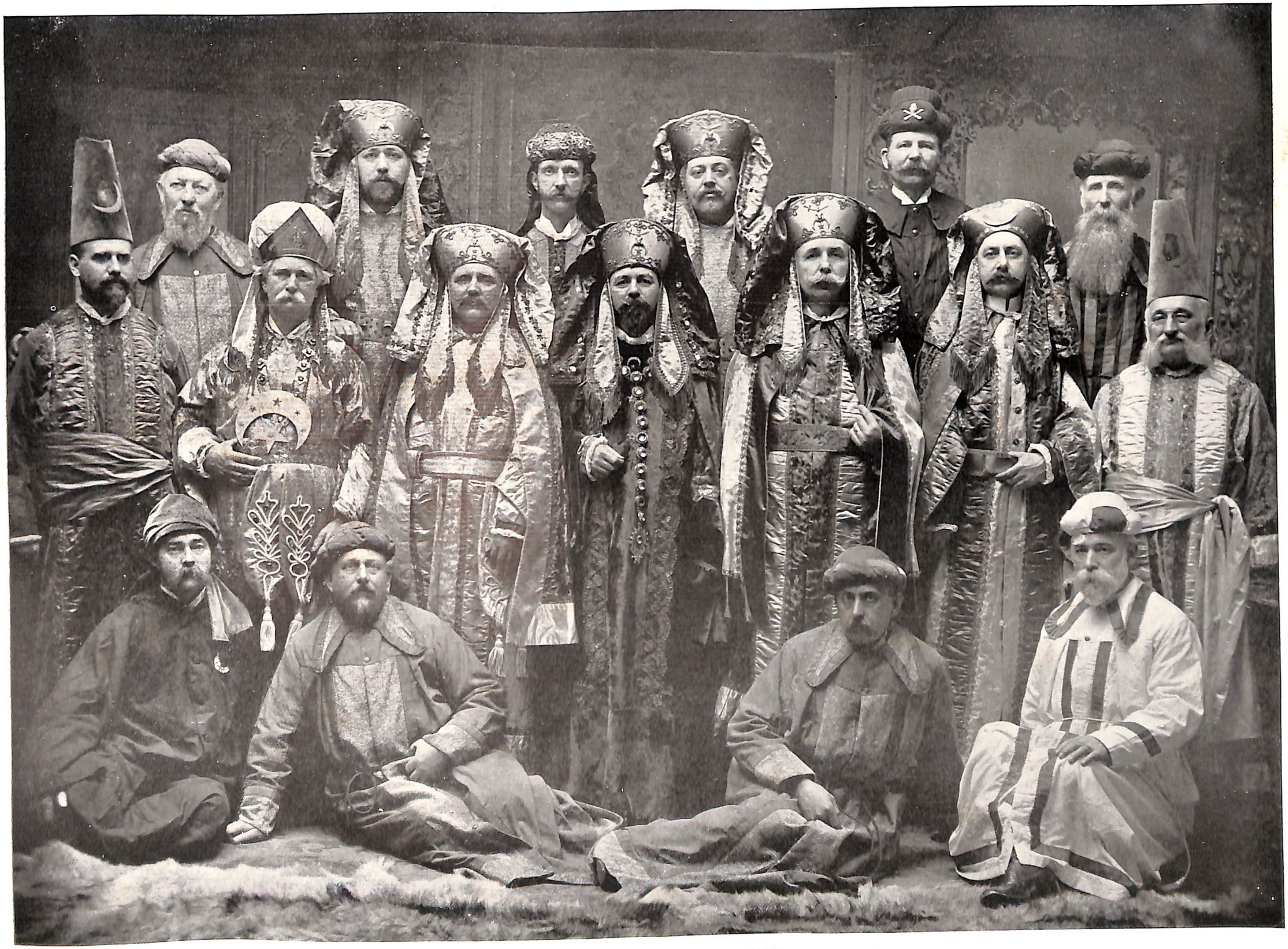

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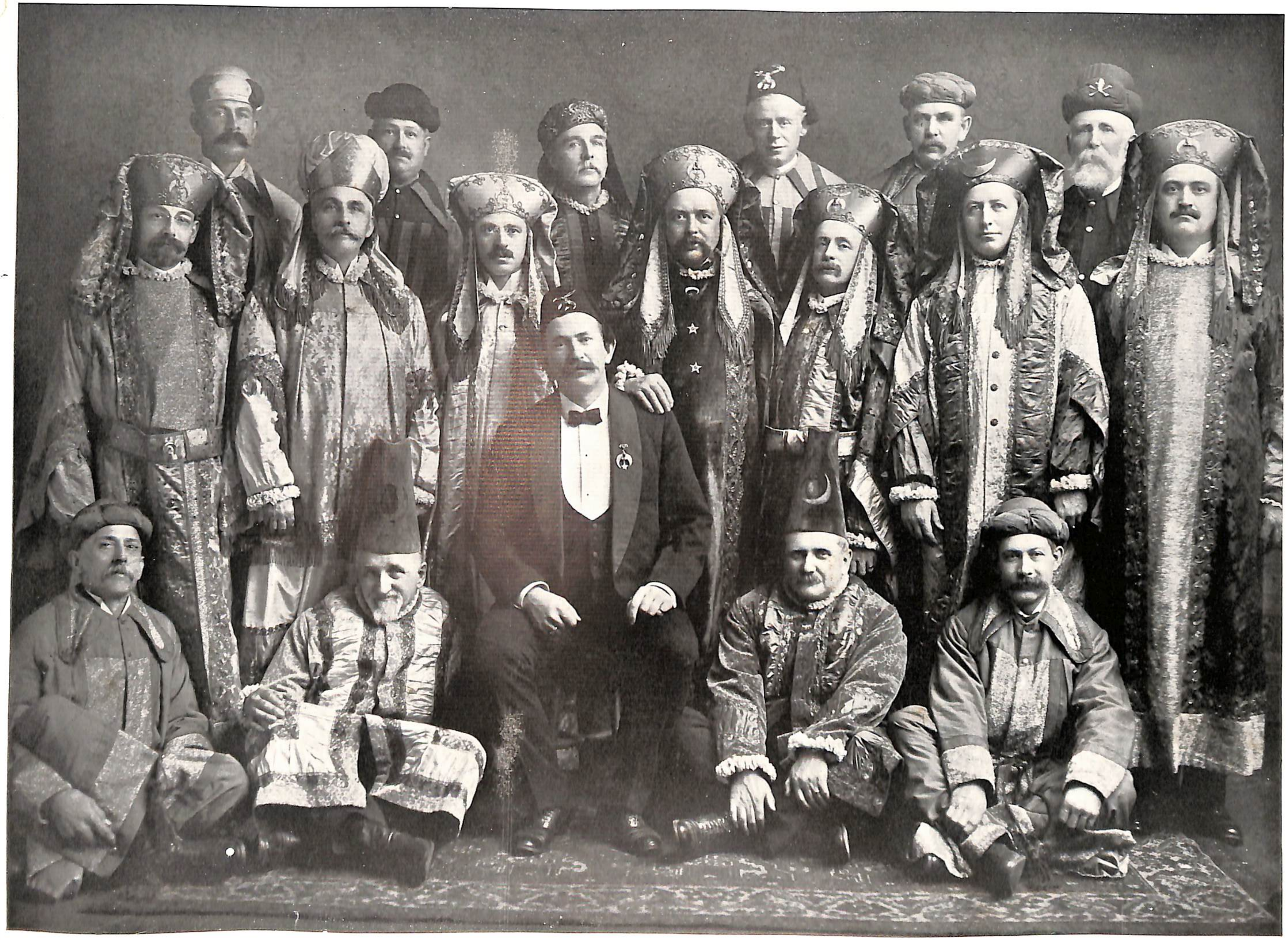

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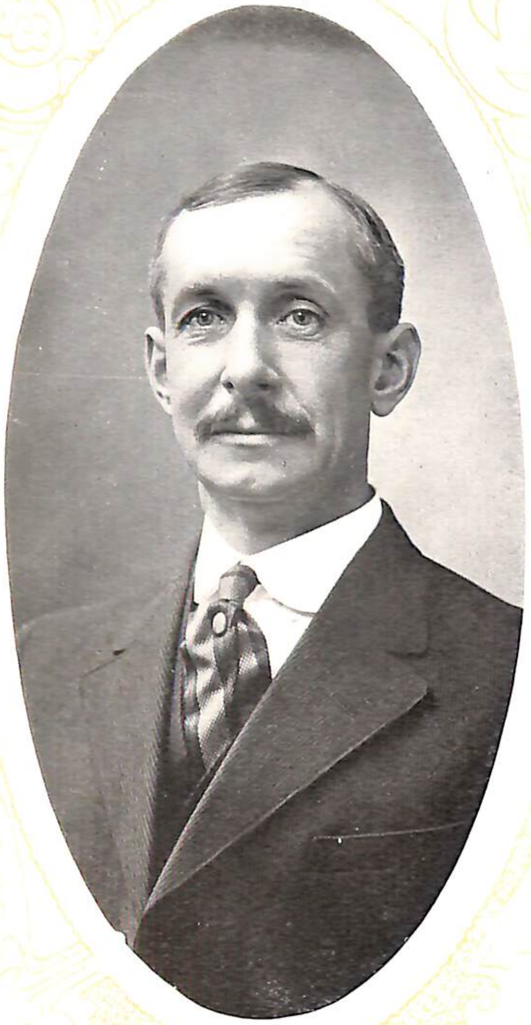

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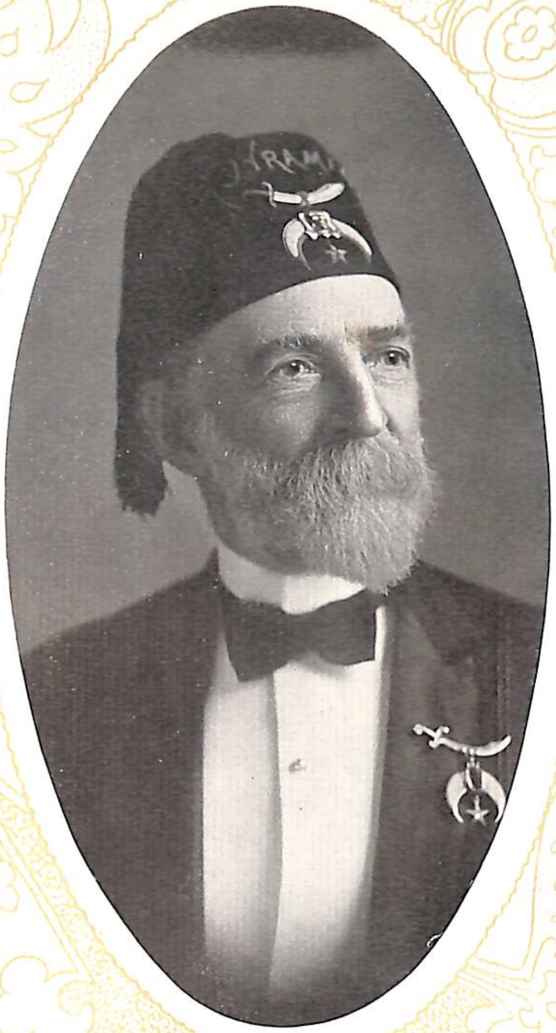

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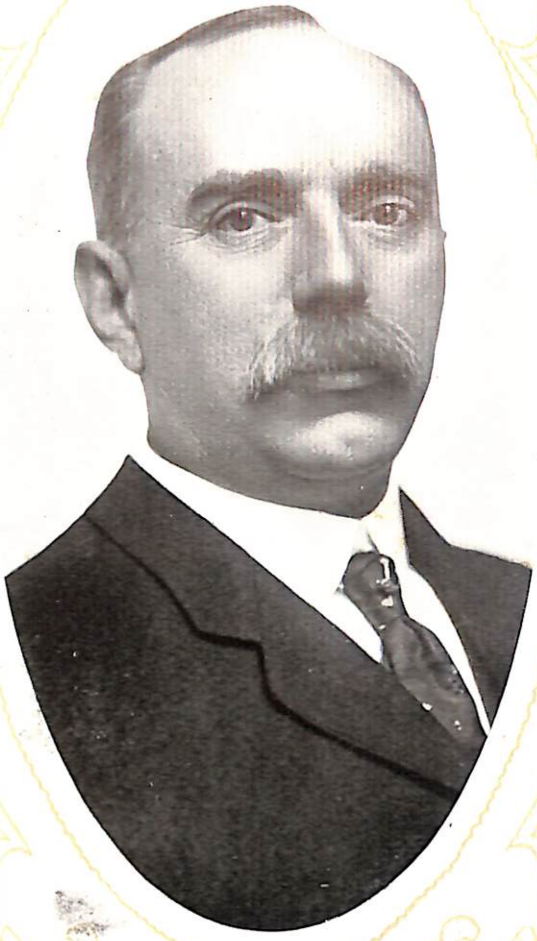

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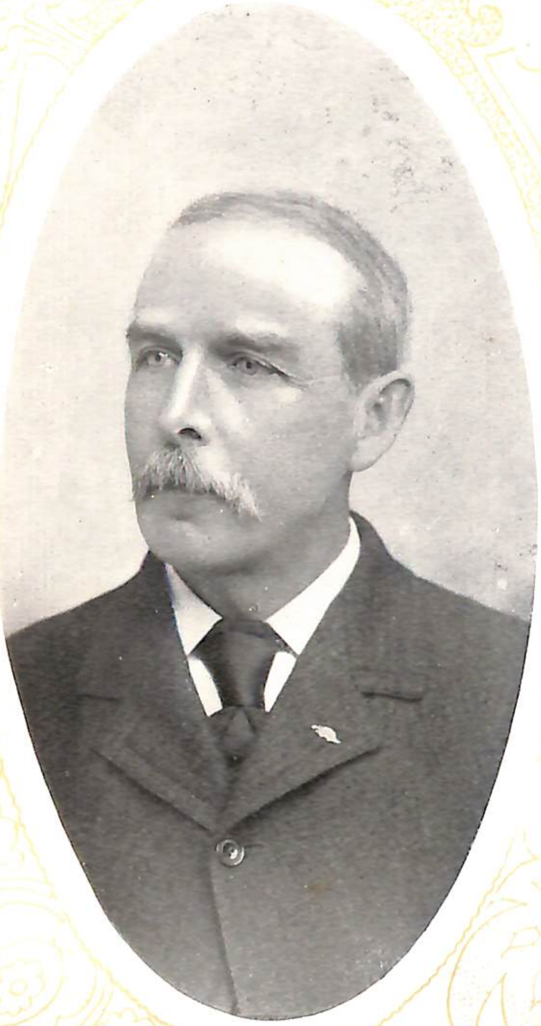

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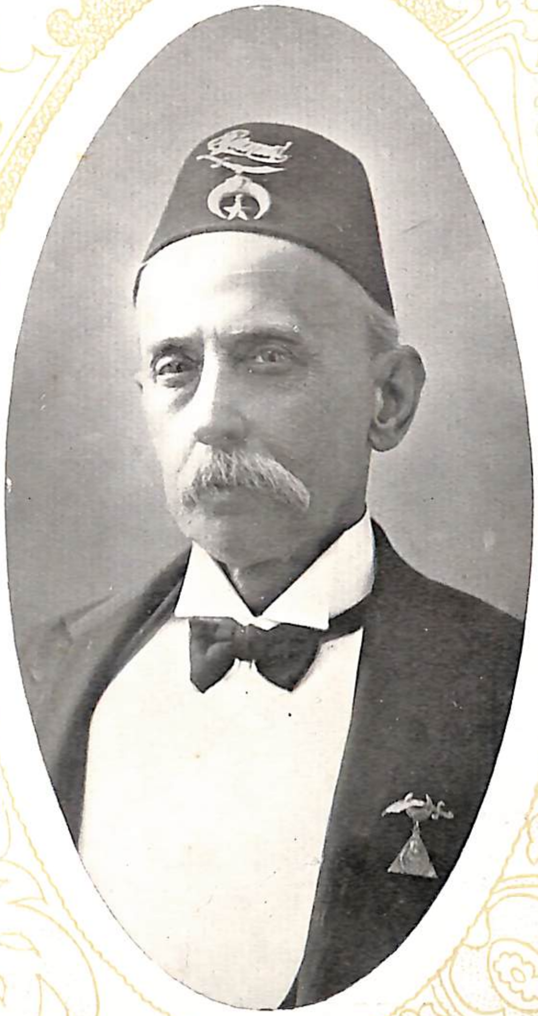

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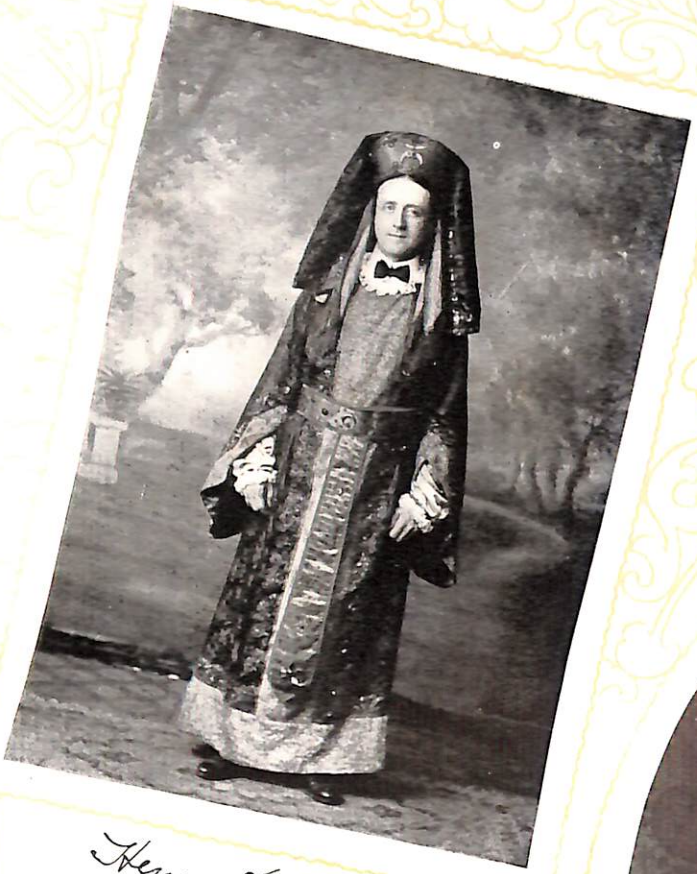

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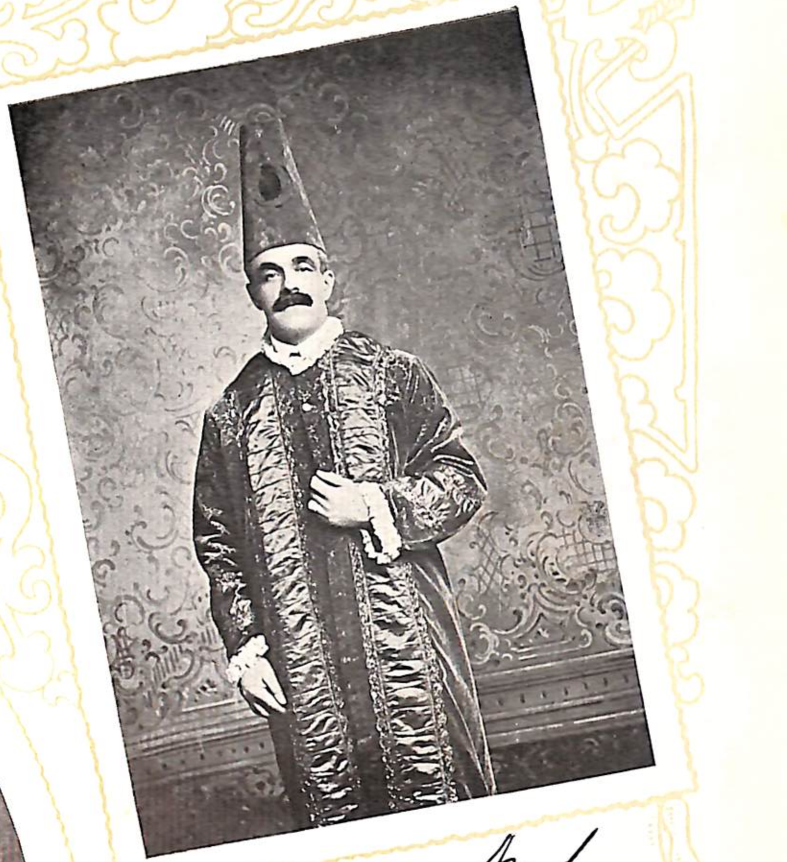

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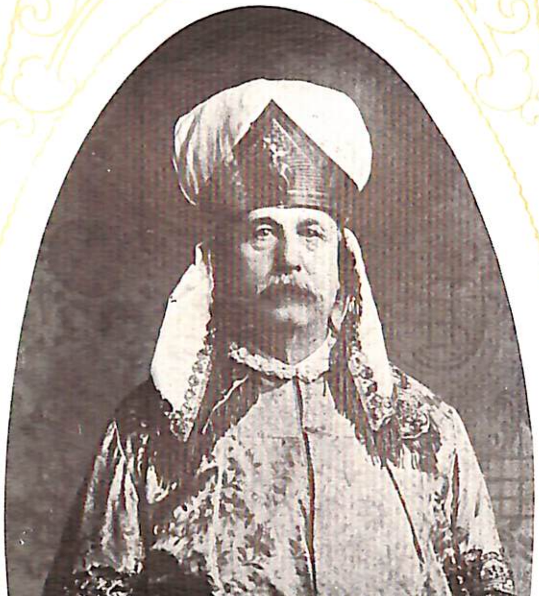

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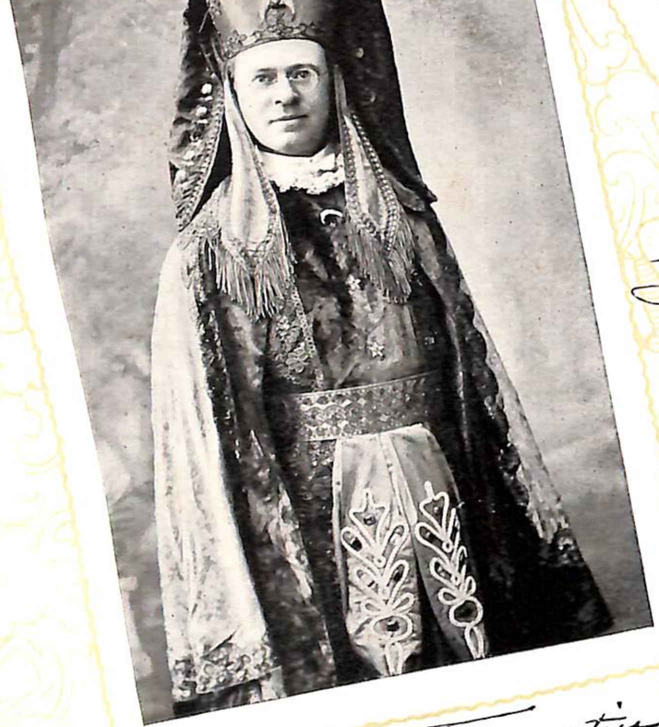

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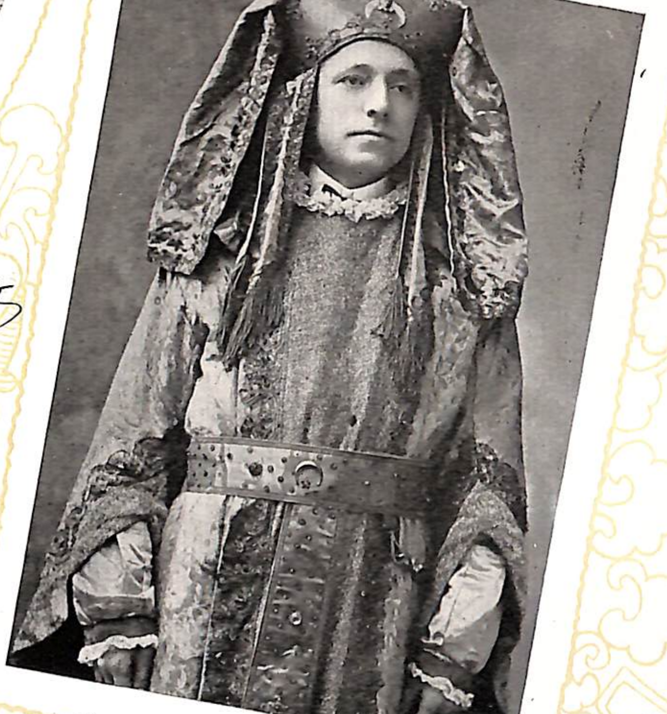

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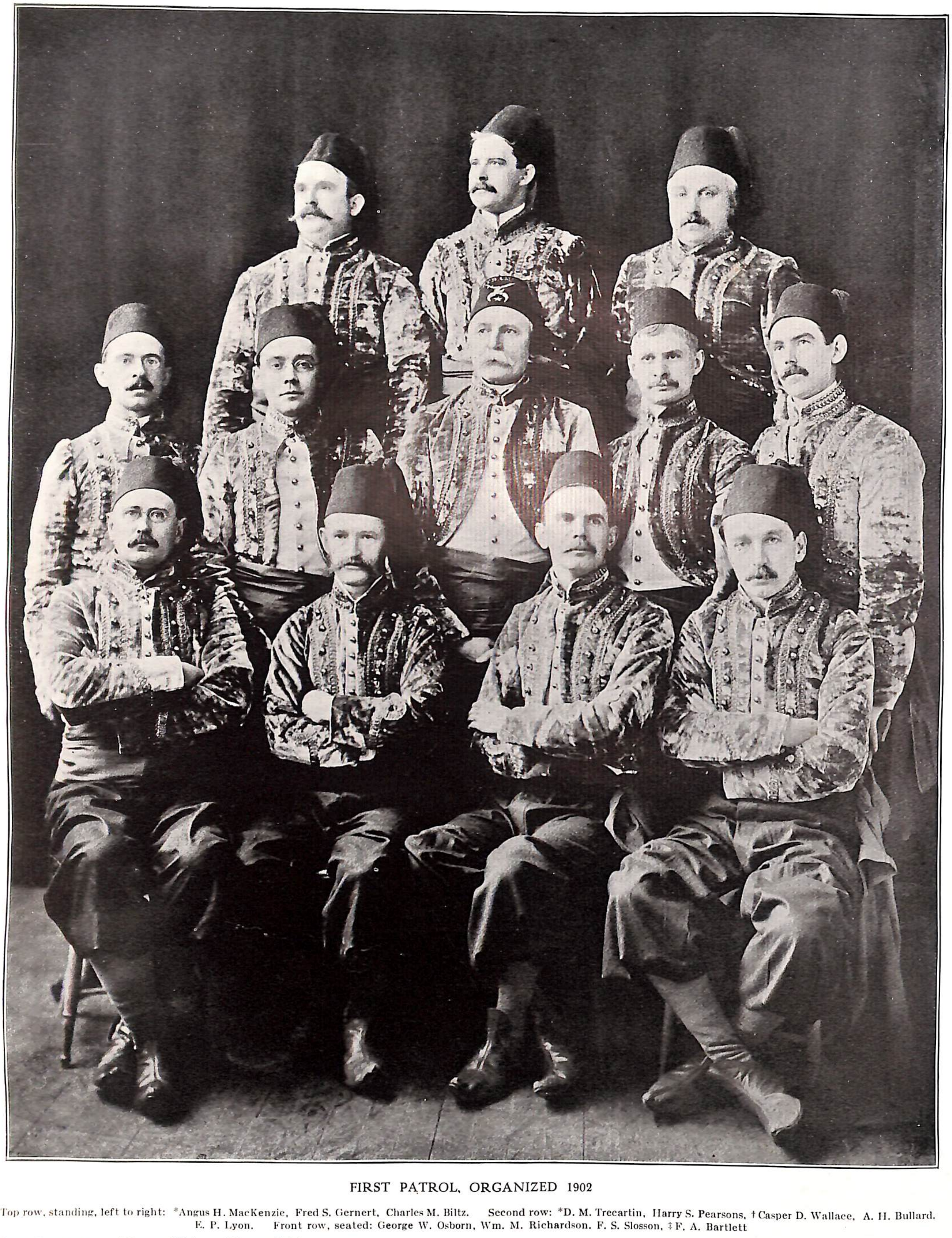

FIRST PATROL, ORGANIZED 1902

Top row, standing, left to right: *Angus H. MacKenzie, Fred S. Gernert, Charles M. Biltz. Second row: *D. M. Trecartin, Harry S. Pearsons, †Casper D. Wallace, A. H. Bullard, E. P. Lyon. Front row, seated: George W. Osborn, Wm. M. Richardson. F. S. Slosson, ‡F. A. Bartlett

**Past Potentates.* *†Former Chief.* *‡Present Chief.*

Anker S. Lyhne

Geo. Heisler, Jr.

C. D. Wallace

Wm. Richardson

Frederick J. Benton

J. H. Wade

Geo. B. Coy

Fred. Schussler

Louis Kutscher Jr.

Frederic A Bartlett

J. T. Wooster

Edward T. Buckingham

Geo H. T. Wallis

William A. Macfarlane

William P. Downs.

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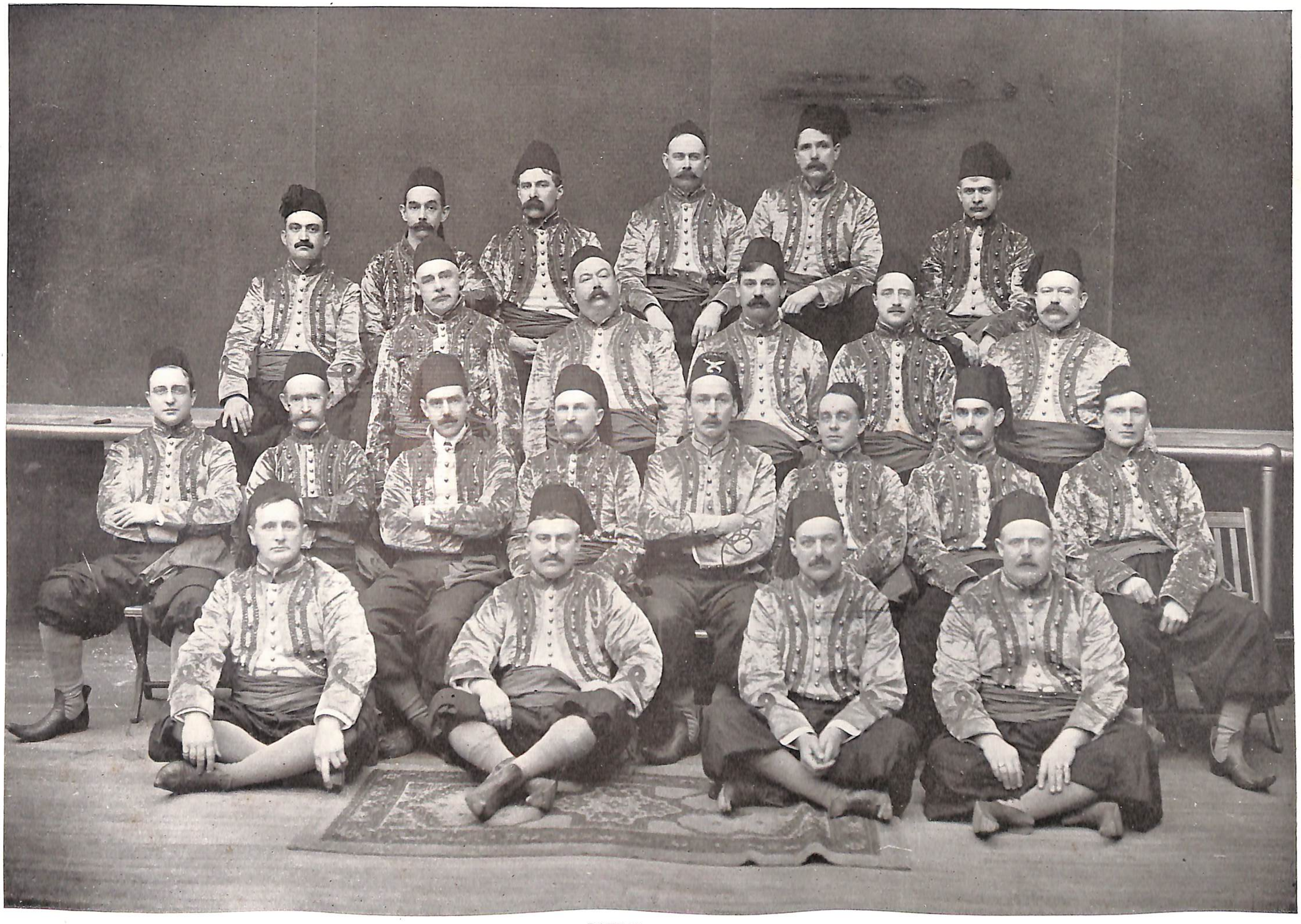
George F. Foote

W. E. Burnham



PATROL OF 1906

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PATROL
PYRAMID

Geo. G. Berry

Ralph I. Fairchild

Wm. E. Parker

PATROL
PYRAMID
LIEUT

Henry C. Stevenson

J. Kohlmaier

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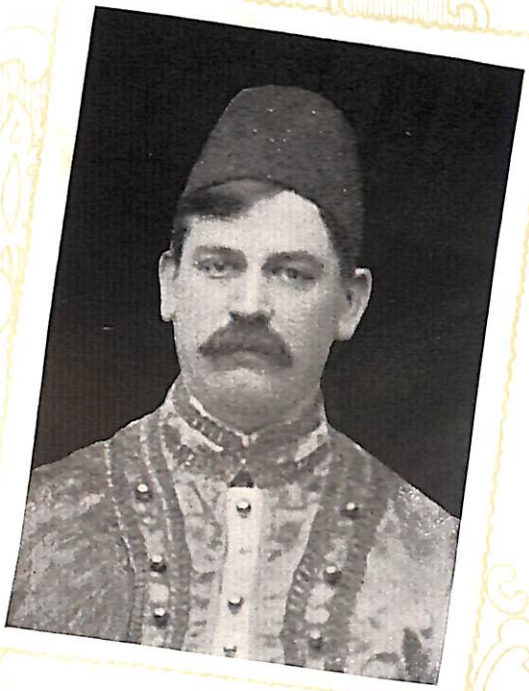

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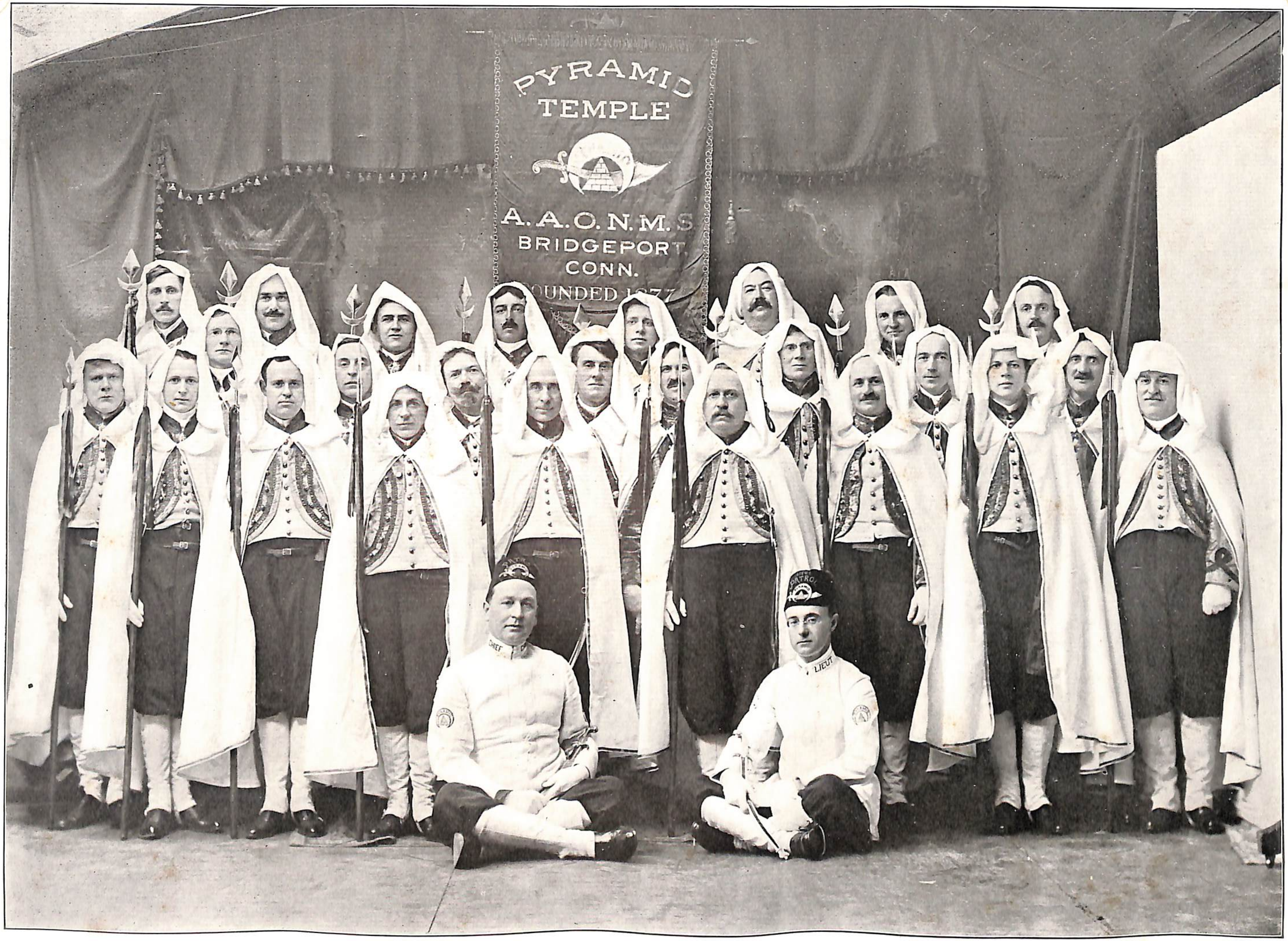
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TEMPLE
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BRIDGEPORT
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CHIEF
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ARAB PATROL, 1912

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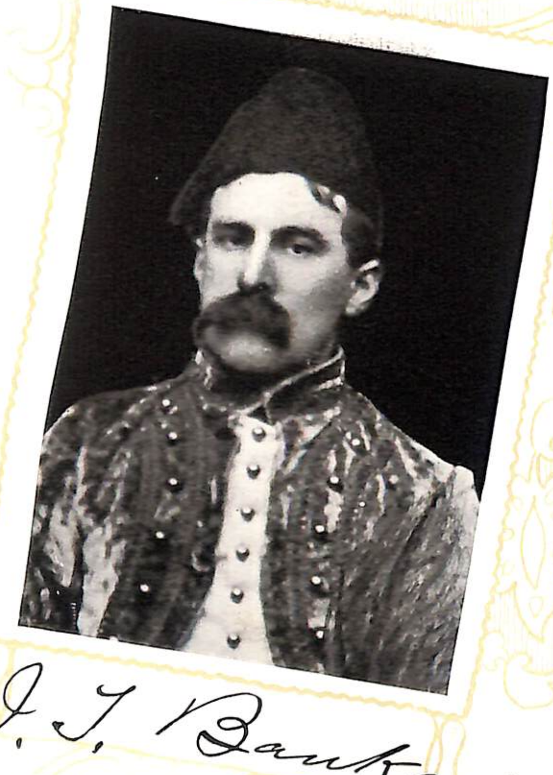

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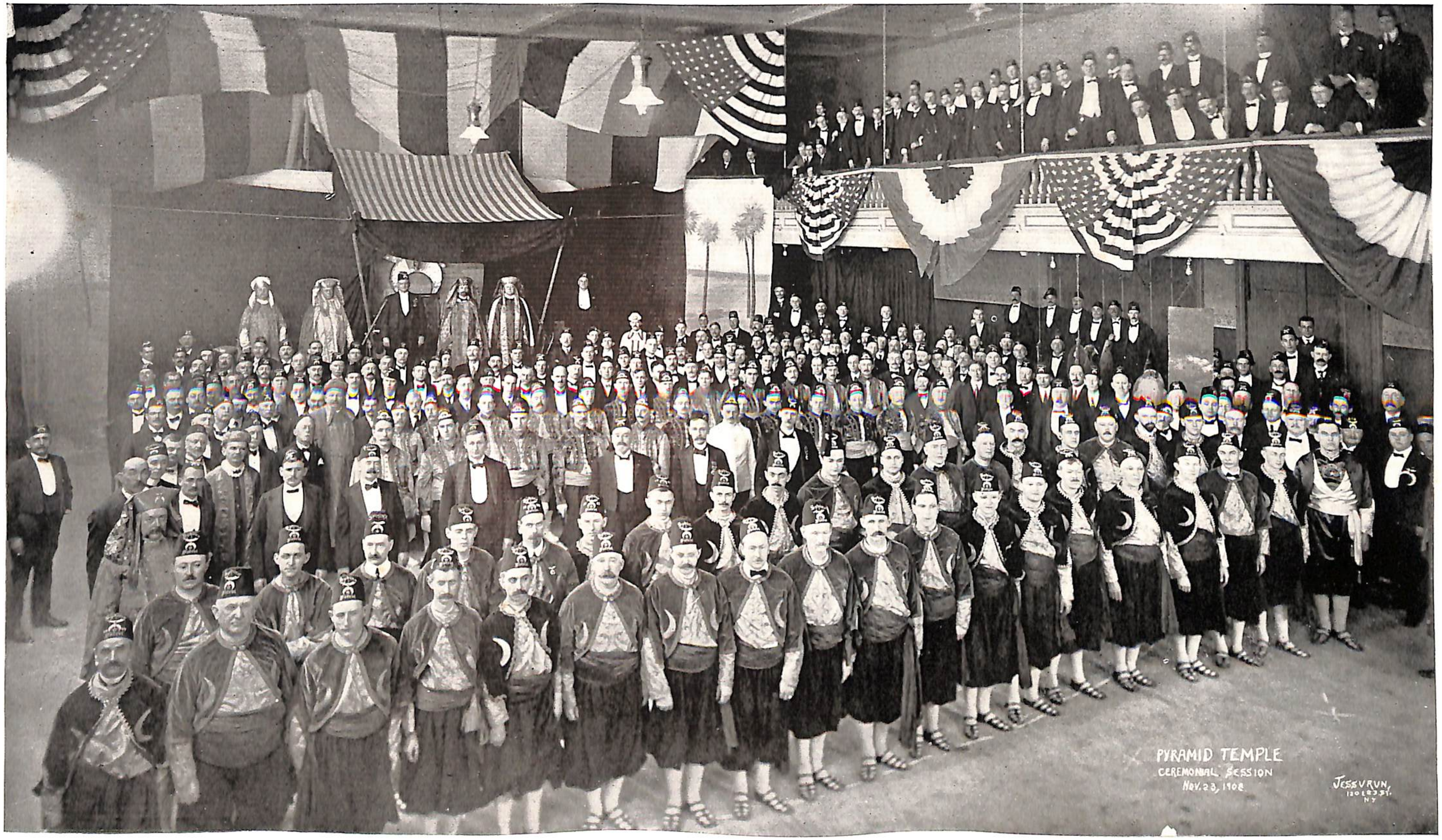
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PYRAMID TEMPLE CEREMONIAL SESSION, NOVEMBER 23, 1908

Fred E. Northrop

George E. Fox

Smith

Albert J. Merritt

Otis Conant

Geo. W. Osborn

Ernest P. Lyon

Angus H. MacKenzie

Henry E. Bishop

David M. Trecartin

Harry D. Muller

Isaac L. Ferris

Frank H Myers

F. A. Strong

H. G. Toucey

Harry A House Jr.

E. S. Warness D.D.S.

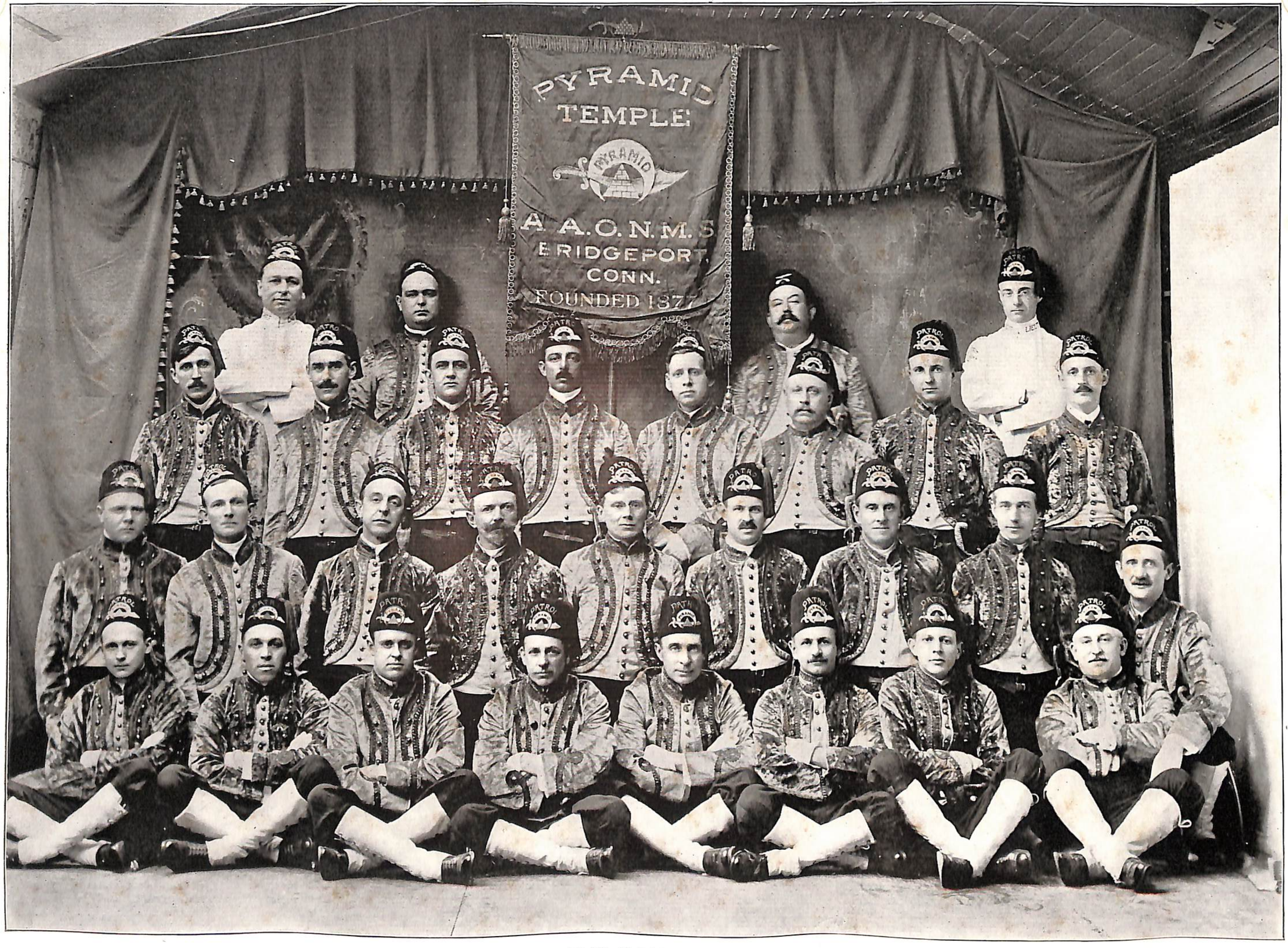
Keep your eye on Pyramid Patrol,
When they go out for a quiet stroll,
Watch them form in line and think
What to order next to — be sent home
to mother —
You can bet it will be something nice,
Can't you hear our Willie cracking
ice?
'Tis the time and the place
Be a Shriner, set the pace
Pyramid, Pyramid Patrol

Marching Song of Pyramid Patrol

Samuel S. Dimond

Harry S. Pearsons.

Joseph P. Frisbie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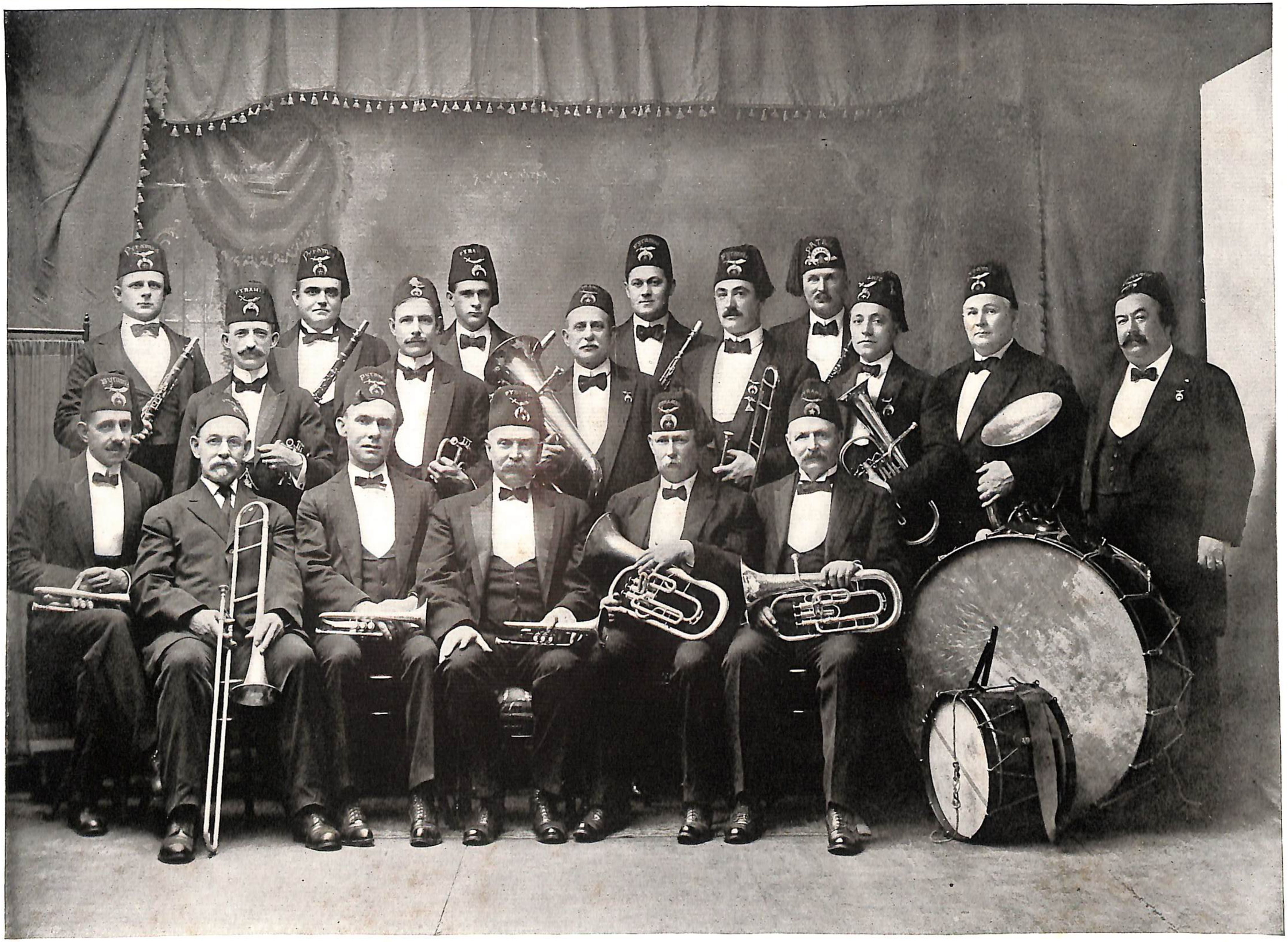

PYRAMID BAND, 1912

Top row, standing: Philip Weidenhammer, D Clifford Hall, Paul G. Goulding, Norman G. Barber, Fred A. Strong. Second row: George P. Sanborn, Jos. H. Stagg, Wm. G. Newell, Geo. H. Whitlock, August M. Engelhard, Albert W. Dow, Fred Schussler. Front row, seated: Frank G. Clark, William F. Paddock, Chas. A. Hodge, Frederick E. Brown, Fred O. Dauchy, A. E. Blakeslee

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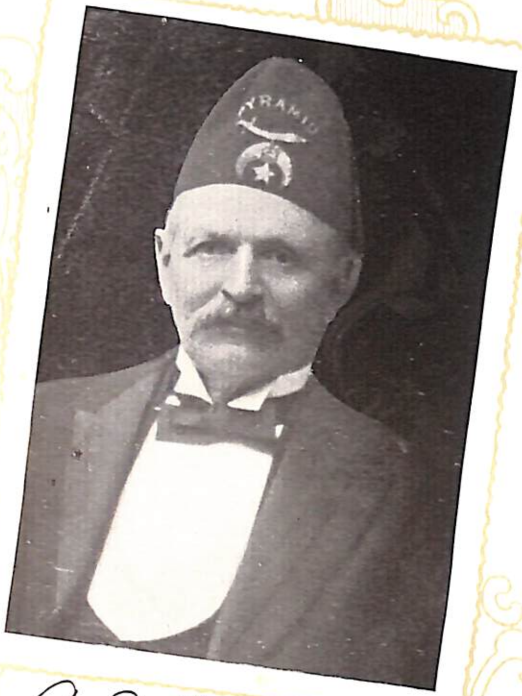

A. E. Blakeslee

And the night shall be
filled with music,
And the cares that infest
the day
Shall fold their tents like
the Arabs,
And as silently steal away.

— *Longfellow*

Pyramid Band, organized in 1909

Philip Weidenhammer

D. Clifford Hall

John Keogh

MEMBERS

PYRAMID TEMPLE
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
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WITH
PORTRAITS AND
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

FRANK WHITNEY ADAMS

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple, May 9, 1910, his enrollment being 2311. He is Masonically affiliated with Dayton Lodge No. 147, A. F. & A. M., in Dayton, O.; Butler Chapter No. 38, R. A. M., of South Norwalk; Reese Council No. 9, R. & S. M.; Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T.; Gabriel Lodge of Perfection; Miami Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Dayton Chapter of Rose Croix and Dayton Consistory, 32°. His Scottish Rite bodies are all in Dayton, O., and he is a charter member of Dayton Consistory, in Dayton. From 1899 to 1909 he was foreman for the National Cash Register Company of Dayton, O., and from 1893 to 1899 was in the employ of the Norwalk Iron Works Company. He is a parlor car conductor on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. Noble Adams was born in South Norwalk, Conn., February 1, 1865, and received an education in the public schools of that place. His parents were William Chappell and Maria Louisa Whitney Adams. He was married to Edith Estelle Gray, daughter of Aaron Burr and Abbie A. Whitlock Gray of South Norwalk. They have three sons: Frank Whitney, Jr., born November 8, 1887; Howard Alan, October 12, 1890, and John Dwight, June 10, 1897. They attend the Episcopal Church, and he was brought up in that faith. Baseball and political reading are his favorite diversions. He resides in Greenfield, Mass., and his business address is 15 Main Street, Greenfield, Mass.

J. EDGAR BACON

Admitted to the ranks of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on September 23, 1889, with enrollment 413, has been Masonically connected with St. John's Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M., since 1868. He was exalted in Washington Chapter No. 6, R. A. M., and knighted in Cyrene Commandery No. 8, K. T. He is also a member of the Masonic Club of Middletown. Noble Bacon was born in Middletown, Conn., February 11, 1842, and received an education in the public schools of his native place. His wife was Helen H. Spencer, to whom he was married in Long Meadow, Mass., on October 13, 1863. She passed away October 16, 1910, leaving a daughter, Mrs. Alice M. Lewis. He is an enthusiastic yachtsman, a staunch Democrat, and has served his town and party as town assessor since 1903. For forty years prior to 1900, he was in the meat business, and since that time in the real estate and insurance business for himself, his business being located at 480 Main Street, Middletown, and his residence, at 108 Grand Street, same town.

JULIUS W. KNOWLTON

33° Scottish Rite Mason, is a charter member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and served as its illustrious potentate for eleven terms, having been its first illustrious recorder. He has exemplified the Order and conferred membership on more pilgrims than any other of the past potentates of Pyramid Temple. He was elected three terms in succession as eminent commander of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and has been right eminent commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T., of Connecticut. He was illustrious commander-in-chief of Lafayette Consistory, and lieutenant commander for a long term of service. Born in Southbridge, Mass., November 28, 1838, he received his early education in public and private schools of Bridgeport. His parents were William S. and Miriam Dresser Knowlton. His father was a native of Shrewsbury, Mass., and his mother, of Charlton, Mass. In Newtown, Conn., on December 17, 1866, he was married to Jane E. Fairchild, daughter of Henry Fairchild of Newtown. His first business experience was as a retail coal dealer. In 1862, his patriotism prompted him to enlist in the 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and he filled the position of commissary sergeant in 1862, being immediately appointed acting brigade commissary, and in 1863 was placed in command of the color company of his regiment. He participated in the three days' fight at Gettysburg, and was so seriously wounded in the discharge of his duty that for seven months he was unable to perform military duty. It was found on his return to the regiment that the disabilities suffered had rendered him unable to execute full duty, when he resigned. From 1864 to 1866, he was employed as a clerk; was postmaster at Bridgeport for about sixteen years, and has been city assessor of Bridgeport since June, 1898. His residence is in Bridgeport.

ARTHUR H. MOORE

Of Bridgeport, became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 5, 1905, his enrollment in that body being 1863, having previously become attached to the following Masonic bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., of which he is a past thrice illustrious master, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar.

He was born in Newtown, Conn., December 20, 1878, receiving an education in the public schools and the academy of his home town. He is the son of Andrew C. and Frances Fairchild Moore. He was married, on October 2, 1907, to Miss Ethel Holroyd. They have two children: Evelyn Frances, born March 28, 1909, and Mildred Jane, born August 30, 1910. His religious affiliations are both Baptist and Congregational, having been brought up in the faith of the latter. He is also a stanch Republican. Noble Moore's business is that of an estimator for the Bridgeport Brass Company, having filled that position for the past twelve years. He resides at 830 Noble Avenue.

ASA L. CHAMBERLAIN

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason, and member of the firm of Hemingway and Chamberlain, insurance and real estate dealers, was created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 14, 1904, with membership 1808. He was entered, passed and raised in Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., where he is worshipful master; was exalted in Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; received his cryptic degrees in Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., of which body he is a past thrice illustrious master, and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He received the A. A. S. R. degrees from the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Chamberlain's club memberships are with the Knights Templar, Masonic and Quinnipiack Clubs of New Haven, also with the Church Club of the Diocese of Connecticut. Besides his business as a real estate dealer, for the past year he has been secretary of the contracting and building firm of the M. J. Gibbud Company, incorporated in 1910. He has been treasurer of St. James' Episcopal Church, and chorister, for the past fifteen years. He was for twelve years previously with the New Haven Water Company. His father was Asa L. Chamberlain, Sr., of Durham, and his mother is Mary J. (Foote) Chamberlain of New Haven. Noble Chamberlain was born in New Haven, May 2, 1871, and received an education in the New Haven public schools, graduating with honors from the Hillhouse High School in the class of 1891. Independent in politics, he has served as warden of the borough of Fair Haven East. His business address is 157 Church Street, New Haven, and his home, 61 East Grand Avenue, New Haven.

Frank W. Adams.

J. Edgar Bacon

J. W. Knowlton

Arthur H. Moore

A L Chamberlain

WILLIS M. ANTHONY

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on April 22, 1897, his enrollment therein being 1231. His York Rite degrees were received in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. The degrees of the Scottish Rite were received in New Haven, excepting the consistorial degree, which was conferred by Lafayette S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club, and connected with the Improved Order of Red Men in Ansentowah Tribe of New Haven; with the New Haven Union League Club, the Young Men's Republican Club of New Haven, and Doisch Lodge No. 2, New Haven. He was elected to the New Haven Board of Finance in 1910. Noble Anthony has for five years, from 1906, been president of the general insurance agency of the Willis M. Anthony Company of New Haven. During the fifteen preceding years he was engaged in the manufacture of street railway supplies. Born in the City of Elms, July 19, 1870, he was educated in its public schools and the Guiles Business College. His father was Leman H. Anthony and his mother is Carrie A. Bradley Anthony. On February 28, 1899, he was married to Martha A. Abbott of New Haven. They are attendants at the Church of Redeemer Congregational Church. His business address is 902 Chapel Street, and their residence, 395 Norton Street.

NORMAN G. BARBER

Solo player of clarinet, and first tenor in quartette of Scottish Rite bodies in Hartford, Conn., was initiated in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1905, his membership therein being 1867, by order of enrollment. He is recorder of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., and affiliated with Center Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council of Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Born in Meriden, Conn., March 8, 1881, Noble Barber there received an education, graduating in 1901. His business interests from 1902 have been in the mercantile line with the Charles Parker Company, and are now in the wholesale piano stool business in New York City. He is a member of the Home and Colonial Clubs, and is interested in outdoor sports, notably athletics; was reared in the Baptist faith; is fond of good literature, also of music and singing, in which latter he excels, thus frequently delighting his own Scottish Rite bodies and those of Hartford. His residence is located at 144 West 13th Street, and his business address is 115 East 14th Street, both in New York City.

THAD B. BEECHER

Perhaps there is no better known man in Masonic circles in Bridgeport, than Thad B. Beecher, whose membership in Pyramid Temple dates from April 28, 1884. He was potentate in 1891-92-93 and 97; became an "active member" of the Imperial Council in 1886, and served as such, and as a representative of Pyramid, for seventeen consecutive years. He has been honored three times by the Imperial Council, once with the office of Imperial Captain of the Guard, and twice as Imperial Second Ceremonial Master. He was made a Mason in Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 604, New York, in 1869, and was elected master in 1872. He is a member of St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., of Bridgeport; is a past deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; a member of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., and Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., of the York Rite, and a past commander of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. In the Scottish Rite, DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Jerusalem Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, all claim him as an honored member. In all of his Masonic bodies, save the council of the York Rite, he has held various offices. Illustrious Noble Beecher is the organizer of the following clubs: California Pilgrim's Club; Denver '92 Club; D. Y. W. Y. K. Club; Half Century '47 Club (president ten years); Nameless Club; Thirteen Club of Bridgeport (chief ruler for twenty-five years); Don't Worry Club (president five years); Venerable Boosters' Club; Ancient Bald Heads' Club, and perhaps a few others. Other clubs or organizations of which Noble Beecher is a member, are: The Never Sweat Club; Buttinski Federation; I. B. C. D. Association; the Algonquin Club; the Bridgeport Yacht Club, and the Sons of the American Revolution. As a "Jiner," Noble Beecher takes a back seat for no man. In addition to the organizations named above he is a member of Arcanum Lodge No. 41; Stratfield Encampment No. 23, I. O. O. F.; New York Lodge No. 1, I. B. P. O. E., and Konckapotanaugh Tribe, I. O. R. M. He is also a past master in the following: Knight Hawks of America; Modern Orientals; Monks of Arcadia; Wizoons of the North; Novices of Humility; Knights of the Iron Ring; Noble Order of Inquisitors; Society of Truthful Marines; Order of Lofty Roosters; Knights of the Royal Number; Custodian of the Open Secret; Mystic Order of Guinea Witches; Ancient Order of Egyptian Monks, and Neophytes of the Golden Hatchet. In spite of all this, Noble Beecher found time to be born, November 29, 1847, in New Haven, Conn., and celebrated the silver anniversary of his marriage in 1909. When not at meetings of some of the organizations named above, Noble Beecher may be found during business hours at 157 State Street, and his residence is given as 199 Seeley Street, Bridgeport.

LOUIS P. MILLER

A 32° Mason of Georgetown, is Masonically connected with Ark Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M., in Georgetown; Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38, in South Norwalk; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., in Danbury; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., also in Danbury, and with all the Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory. On May 18, 1893, he was admitted to the Order of the Mystic Shrine through the portals of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., his enrollment in that illustrious body being 886. Georgetown, Conn., was the place of his birth, on April 10, 1865. His parents are David H. Miller, of English birth, and Catherine Wellen Miller of Dublin, Ireland. His marriage to Carrie Kennel, daughter of Jacob and Bertha Zimmer Kennel of Weston, took place in that town, on October 30, 1905. His favorite pastime is autoing, and he enjoys all outdoor sports. For more than twenty-six years Noble Miller has been superintendent in the wire works of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Co. of Georgetown, which position he continues to fill. His residence is also in Georgetown.

FREDERICK J. LOCKYER

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 20, 1911, and enrolled as No. 2373, has Masonic connections with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Lockyer was born in the "City of Elms," April 29, 1878, and was there educated. His parents are John T. and Elizabeth McCord, the former being a native of England. His favorite outdoor sport is the national game of baseball. He is a pharmacist at Moody's Drug Store, 382 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, and his residence is 59 Shelton Avenue, New Haven.

Willis M. Anthony

Norman G. Barber

Thad B. Beecher

Louis W. Miller

Fred'k J. Lockyer

WILLIAM A. ARNOLD

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., February 11, 1868, the son of Jacob and Caroline Wiggins Arnold, his father having been a native of Germany, and his mother of Bridgeport. They were both Congregationalists, and their son, Noble Arnold, is also of that faith. He married Charlotte Miller in Bridgeport, November 14, 1889, and has one daughter, Gladys. On June 24, 1903, he was again married in Newark, N. J., to Caroline A. Rhule, daughter of George Rhule of that city. They have one child, William A., Jr. Noble Arnold is a member of the wholesale tobacco and cigar-making firm of Jacob Arnold & Son, his father having started the business in 1864, and in 1905 his son, Noble Arnold, became a partner in the firm. His Masonic affiliations are with both York and Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, and he subsequently, on May 9, 1910, entered the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 2309. His other fraternal attachments are with Adelphian Lodge No. 80 of the Odd Fellows in Bridgeport; P. T. Barnum Lodge No. 53 of the Knights of Pythias; Konckapotanaugh Tribe No. 30 of the Improved Order of Red Men, and Lodge No. 36 of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, in Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Bridgeport, and of the Connecticut State Chief Hay Makers' Association. His place of business is 449-451 Water Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 3342 Main Street, same city.

FRANK E. HASBROUCK

Of Bridgeport, is a noble in Pyramid Temple, and a member of Pyramid Temple Band. His admittance to the nobility of that illustrious body was in the class of December 9, 1897, and his membership therein, by order of enrollment, 1252. He had previously qualified Masonically for entrance to the A. A. O. N. M. S., through his connections with the following bodies: Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also attached to the Odd Fellows, in Delphia Lodge No. 89, in Bridgeport, and to the Knights of Pythias, in City Lodge No. 470 in Corry, Erie County, Penn., having been through all of its offices.

His business is that of representative for the New York Life Insurance Company, and his connection with that company dates back for sixteen years. He is also a charter member of the Nylic part of the company. Prior to that, he had been continuously in the employ of the Yost Typewriter Company, as tool maker, and contractor, from 1879.

Noble Hasbrouck was born in Binghamton, N. Y., August 6, 1850, and received an education in the public schools of his native town. His parents were Silas and Emily E. Hasbrouck, the former native of New York, on the Hudson, and the latter of Edmonston, N. Y. He was married September 19, 1875, in Corry, Penn., to Mary R. Bordwell, of Lottsville, Penn. They have one child, Jesse N. Nichols. Their religious affiliations are Baptist, and they reside at 362 Fairfield Avenue, while his business address is 925 Main Street, Bridgeport.

J. REED TOPPING

Potentate of Pyramid Temple, 1897-98, was received in that illustrious body of the A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 26, 1892, his enrollment therein being 846. Masonically, he is a member of St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. The other organizations with which he is affiliated are the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Knights of Pythias; also the Algonquin, Sea Side, and University Clubs of Bridgeport. He is visiting surgeon at the Bridgeport Hospital; was a member of the Board of Charities, 1907-08; is a firm Republican; of the Presbyterian faith, and a lover of athletics and all outdoor sports. Illustrious Noble Topping was born in Seneca, Ontario County, N. Y., October 24, 1854, the son of Samuel and Cynthia Reed Topping. He was educated at the Canandaigua Academy, preparatory schools, and graduated from New York University in 1881, receiving therefrom the degree of M. D. His marriage to Lizzie Haslett of Seneca, N. Y., was solemnized in that city, on June 23, 1886. They have three children: Mary Reed, Louise Adams, and Jeanette Ruth. Their residence is at 349 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport.

WILLIAM COUCH PEFFERS

Gained admission to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on May 15, 1900, his enrollment therein being 1399. He was Masonically qualified in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Danbury Lodge No. 120, of the Elks; of Paugussett Tribe No. 3, of the Improved Order of Red Men, and of the Danbury Club. Noble Peffers was born in New Fairfield, Conn., on August 9, 1864, and received an education in the public schools of that town and in General Russell's Military School in New Haven. His father was Charles W. Peffers, and his mother, Ruamah Couch. He was married in Danbury, November 25, 1895, to Eva V. Adams of that city. They are attendants at the Congregational Church. For the past thirteen years he has been proprietor of the W. C. Peffers' livery, boarding and sales stables, and one of the firm of the W. C. Peffers & Company, manufacturers and dealers in harnesses and carriages, the former located at 14-16 Crosby Street, and the latter, on Bridge Street, both in Danbury. He also resides in Danbury, at 146 Deer Hill Avenue.

GEORGE W. LEWIS

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason, was initiated into the mysteries of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple on December 10, 1901, with enrollment 1491. His Masonic affiliations are with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of Sheffield Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, in New Haven. Noble Lewis is a Republican, and served on the New Haven City Board of Finance from 1902 to 1907; is a member of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, the Union League Club, and the Congregational Church of the Redeemer. He is also a director of the National Tradesmen's Bank. Fourteen years of his early life were spent as an accountant of one of the New York Central Fast Freight Lines in Buffalo, N. Y., where he was born January 25, 1855, and where he received an education in the public schools of that city, graduating in 1872. His parents were Levi and Margaret White Lewis, also native New Yorkers. He was married on May 4, 1880, to Lillian Russell of Buffalo. They left Buffalo and came to New Haven in 1886, and reside at 49 Howe Street. They have two children: Mrs. Fred. C. Russell and Mr. Lansing Lewis, both of New Haven. For the past twenty-five years, Noble Lewis has been a funeral director, and is now president of the firm of Lewis & Maycock, Inc., 1112 Chapel Street, New Haven, where his son is engaged in business with him. His favorite pastimes are autoing and camping in the Maine woods.

William A. Arnold

F. E. Hasbrouck

J. R. Topping.

Geo. W. Lewis.

W. C. Phipps.

JAMES TROY

Became a noble of Pyramid Temple on May 5, 1905, with membership No. 1869. He is a 32° Mason, and is affiliated with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., where he first saw Masonic light on September 13, 1871; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M., in which he was exalted on June 11, 1873; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., in which he was admitted to the ninth arch on November 11, 1873, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, where he was made a Sir Knight on March 15, 1875; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, of which he became a member on November 2, 1905; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem, on November 25, 1905; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, on December 15, 1905, and on May 25, 1906, he received his consistorial degree from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Masonic Club of New Haven, and a Knight of Pythias, in Eastern Lodge No. 3, having passed through all of its chairs. He has been a foreman in the Candee Rubber Company's factory from May, 1898, and for eighteen years, from 1871, was custodian for Yale Medical College, ten years prior to that having been employed by Joseph L. Joyce, boot and shoe manufacturer in New Haven. Noble Troy was born in New York City, August 13, 1858, and was educated in the public schools of his native city, and those of New Haven. His home is at 83 Olive Street, New Haven.

JOHN A. CROMER

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 10, 1901, with membership 1455, his Masonic attachments having been previously made with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, all in New Haven; with the A. & A. S. Rite bodies in New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, likewise, connected with the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs of New Haven, and with the Sons of St. George, in Red Cross Lodge, in New Haven, and Foresters' Court in the City of Elms. Noble Cromer was born in London, Eng., April 12, 1857. His parents were John H. and Harriet Cromer, also of English origin. For fifteen years prior to entering his present position he was a lock contractor, with the Mallory Wheeler Company, having previously mastered the trade of a locksmith. From 1904 he has been foreman in the Candee Rubber Company's factory in New Haven. He resides at 750 State Street. Previous to coming to the United States, Noble Cromer served in the Sixth Dragoon of the English Army in the Afghan Campaign of 1882-84, in the East Indies, under Lord Roberts.

EBENEZER S. PHILLIPS

Born January 13, 1842, in Newfane, Vt., the son of Adin M. and Rebecca S. Phillips, who removed to Strafford, Vt., when he was only some weeks of age. There he attained an education in the district schools, working on his father's farm, as most boys did at that time. In 1863 he came to Bridgeport, and was employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company for nearly five years. From 1867 to 1883 he was a wholesale and retail lumber salesman for S. C. Nickerson and Son, and Charles H. Hawley. He kept the books of Wheeler and Howes, dealers in coal, wood, brick, lime, cement, hair, plaster, blue stone, hay and grain, 1883-93, and then bought out the trucking and express business of J. H. Luddington, and as its president and treasurer has since managed the business under the name of J. H. Luddington and Company. His Master Mason degree was received on November 27, 1872, in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., in Bridgeport, and he has been chairman of its finance committee since December, 1900. He received his Royal Arch degree on March 20, 1874, in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, in Bridgeport, and has been its treasurer since December, 1898. His degree of Royal and Select Masters was received February 8, 1875, in Jerusalem Council No. 16, also in Bridgeport, and he has been its treasurer since January, 1899. In Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., he was knighted on March 7, 1878, and has served on its finance committee since 1896, and as its chairman since 1900. On March 14, 1889, he received the 14° in DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, and has been its secretary since 1895; his 16° came from Washington Council, P. of J., on March 20, 1889, and he has been its secretary since 1895; his 18° was received from Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix on April 18, 1889, and he has been its secretary since 1895. He was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory, April 18, 1889, and its secretary from 1903, to the present time. His 33° was conferred by the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of U. S. A., on September 20, 1904. He received the Shrine degree in Pyramid Temple, N. M. S., on October 26, 1885, and was enrolled therein 156, of which body he was treasurer from 1896 to about 1905, and on the finance committee since 1906. Of the Masonic Relief Committee he has been a member from its organization in 1893, and its treasurer and secretary since 1895; a member of Quatrior Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, Eng., since March, 1894, and of the Lodge of Research No. 2429, Leicester, Eng., from 1890; also a life member of the Connecticut Historical Society; the Bridgeport Historical and Scientific Society; of the Topsfield Historical Society of Topsfield, Mass., and of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. He was married to Emily M. Buckman of Alstead, N. H., in April, 1866, and had one son, who died in infancy. His wife died in March, 1907, and he was remarried to Anna A. Laikin of Bridgeport, in November, 1908. A Republican in politics, and in religion he is a Universalist. Noble Phillips has one of the largest Masonic libraries in Connecticut, containing many rare and valuable works by the greatest of English and American authors, notably Preston, Hutchinson, Speth, Gould, Hugham and Webb, Crass, Drummond, Carson, Pike and many others. Aside from his Masonic library of over twelve hundred volumes, he has over two thousand volumes on the early history of New England and the Middle States.

CHARLES S. FINCH

A 32° Mason, past commander in Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, and master of the 3d veil in Rittenhouse Royal Arch Chapter No. 11; also affiliated with the four Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1897, his membership in that body being 1247. He is the proprietor of a drug business in Stamford, which he has conducted since 1885. He was president of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association 1900-01. Noble Finch was born in Poundridge, N. Y., October 21, 1859. His parents were James P. and Emmeline M. Miller Finch, both New Yorkers by birth, and both Presbyterians. He was married in Stamford, to Nettie M. Hanford, daughter of James H. Hanford of Stamford. They have two children: Harold M. and Inez E. His favorite pastime is autoing, and in reading he prefers the scientific. His place of business is 505 Atlantic Street, Stamford, while his residence, also in Stamford, is at 78 Forest Street.

James Troy

Ebenezer S. Phillips.

John A Cromer

C. S. Finch.

Homer. R. S. Klock:

WILLIAM M. DARROW

A 32° Mason of New London, became a member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1897, and is therein enrolled 1238. He first saw Masonic light in Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M., received his capitular degrees in Union Chapter No. 5, R. A. M.; was admitted to the ninth arch in Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and was knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., where he is past recorder. His Scottish Rite degrees were all conferred by the Norwich A. A. S. R. bodies. Noble Darrow is a native of New London, Conn., where he was born January 5, 1869, and where, too, he received an education. Courtland S. Darrow of New London, his father, passed away January 11, 1903, and his mother is Sarah A. Manning Darrow, formerly of New York. His home is at 185 Ocean Avenue. From 1883, he has been connected with the Darrow Comstock Company, dealing in hardware, ship chandlers' and engineers' supplies, etc., and located in New London, at 96 Bank Street.

GEORGE S. BEDIENT

Of Danbury, was admitted to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December 19, 1906, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 2013. His previous Masonic affiliations are with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Progressive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F., being a past grand, and is a member of Danbury Lodge No. 120, of the B. P. O. E.

Noble Bedient was born in Danbury, Conn., December 30, 1869. His father was William A. Bedient, and his mother is Jennie L. Carley Bedient. He received an education in the public schools of his native city, and on February 16, 1888, he was married in Brewster, N. Y., to Emma Baker of Mt. Kisco, N. Y.. They have one son: George Harrison.

Noble Bedient is traveling salesman for the Rogers Silver Plate Company. Baseball is his favorite sport, and he is an adherent to Republican principles. He resides at 441 Main Street.

DAVID MUNSON TRECARTIN, M. D.

Potentate of Pyramid Temple, in 1905 was welcomed into the nobility of that body of the A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 14, 1894, the number of his enrollment therein being 1675. He had previously allied himself with Masonry in William North Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Lowell, Mass.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., which he served as eminent commander from December 7, 1905, to December 7, 1906; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jersualem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Trecartin is identified with the Bridgeport Medical Association; the Fairfield County Medical Society; the Connecticut Medical Society; the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. He is also surgeon of the Naval Militia of Connecticut. His club affiliations are with the Army and Navy Club of New York City, the University Club, and the Brooklawn Country Club. He is, likewise, connected with the Bridgeport General Hospital, and has been engaged in general practice since 1894. In surgery and gynecology, he is a specialist. Illustrious Noble Trecartin was born in Middle Simonds, New Brunswick, Can., and is the son of David and Hannah E. Davis Trecartin of New Brunswick. He received his education in the Boston schools and his medical degree from Dartmouth College. His marriage to Florence C. Pierce, daughter of George E. Pierce, native of Woodbury, and Florence Fox Pierce, of Ontario, Can., was celebrated in Bridgeport, May 6, 1903. They have one child, Florence, born April 29, 1910. He is devoted to autoing and boating. His home is at 860 Park Avenue, Bridgeport.

WILLIS H. CROWE, M. D.

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1901, with enrollment 1468. His Masonic affiliations are with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., in which he is a thrice illustrious master; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. Noble Crowe was born in South Norwalk, Conn., December 8, 1877. His father was Colonel James C. Crowe, late of South Norwalk, and his mother is Mary Agnes Smith Crowe, also of that place. He was educated in the public schools of South Norwalk, graduating from high school in 1892, and received his medical degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, 1895. On April 10, 1901, he married Grace Anna MacDonald. They have two children: Willis MacDonald, born February 16, 1902, and Grace Elizabeth, October 4, 1906. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Connecticut State, New Haven County and City Societies, New Haven Yacht Club, also of the Knights Templar and Young Men's Republican Clubs of New Haven. He votes the Republican ticket, and from 1905 has served as president of the United States Board of Pension Examiners. He began the practice of medicine and surgery in 1895; is one of the staff of physicians at Springside City Hospital, and attending surgeon at the St. Rachael Hospital in New Haven. His home and office are both at 106 Whalley Avenue, New Haven.

JOHN RUFUS BOOTH

In the class of June 6, 1907, elevated to the rank of Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple No. 8, and therein enrolled as No. 2102. His Masonic connections are in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, and with the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, in which latter he received his thirty-second degree. He is also connected with the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs, and the New Haven Grays. His other fraternal memberships are as follows: Yale Chapter of Acacia Fraternity, of which he is trustee; New Haven Conclave of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, and Admiral Foote Camp No. 17, of Sons of Veterans. Noble Booth was born in New Haven, Conn., September 26, 1873, the son of James Walter and Marguerite Angaud Booth, the former, native of New Haven, and born June 3, 1836, and the latter, born in New York City, August 10, 1839. He was educated in the grammar schools of New Haven, Hillhouse High School, and Yale University, from which latter he graduated in 1897. On March 10, 1897, he was united in marriage in New Haven, with Grace Beers of New Haven, daughter of Henry Clay Beers of Amherst, Mass., and Emma J. Treat Beers of Orange, Conn. They have had two children: John R., Jr., born December 28, 1898, who passed away, February 7, 1905, and Marjorie, born December 3, 1899. His religious affiliations are Episcopal, as were those of his parents, and Mrs. Booth is a Congregationalist. Noble Booth is fond of all kinds of athletics, and in reading particularly enjoys ancient history. Republican in principle, he is serving as city attorney of New Haven, since October 10, 1911. From January 1, 1905, he has been a member of the law firm of Isbell and Booth, their office being at 153 Church Street, New Haven, having practiced law since June, 1897. He resides at 603 Whalley Avenue, New Haven.

Wm M Darrow

Geo. S. Bedient.

David M. Trecartin

Willis H. Crowe

John R. Booth.

TERENCE S. ALLIS

A 32° Mason of Derby, and for thirty years, from 1881, proprietor of the Allis Company, clothiers, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1898, with membership by order of enrollment, 1208. His Masonic attachments are: past master in King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; member of Solomon's Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is, likewise, connected with Housatonic Lodge of the I. O. O. F., in Derby, and is a member of the Derby Board of Trade, and of the Union League Club in New Haven. He supports the Republican Party, and since 1908 has been a member of the Board of Apportionment. Noble Allis is a native of Randolph, Vt., and was born May 28, 1860, attended its public schools and the Randolph State Normal School. He is the son of O. D. and Ann E. Colt Allis, both natives of Vermont, and his marriage to Lottie E. Smith of Derby occurred at her home city, August 26, 1884. They have two children: Clarence H. and May E. He is of the Congregational faith. His business address is 231 Main Street, Derby, and he also resides in that town, at 54 Atwater Avenue.

CAPTAIN PETER DECKER

Was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., May 9, 1895, his enrollment in that body being 1096. Prior to his becoming a Shriner he was affiliated with the Masons in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., where he is a past master; Butler Royal Arch Chapter No. 38, of which he is a past priest, and in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., he is a past commander. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

During the Civil War he was master mate in the Navy, remaining in active service for a year, then having to return on account of injuries sustained. The planting and growing of oysters have claimed his attention since 1853.

Noble Decker was born in Staten Island N. Y., July 13, 1838, the son of Benjamin and Jane Metzger Decker, both having been natives of New York. He was twice married: to Lydia Hagerman of New York, who passed away in August, 1867; and on October 4, 1873, to Emma Carr of New York City, darghter of Reuben P. and Eliza A. Strickland Carr. His children are: Sylvester P., Viola N., Elsie M., and Fred W., the last-named being the son of his present wife. They are of the Methodist persuasion, as were also his parents, and their residence is in East Norwalk, at 39 Seaview Avenue.

LOU P. BRISTOL

Illustrious Potentate of Pyramid Temple in 1909, was born at Hartsville, Mass., September 30, 1861. His father, Jackson P. Bristol, and his mother, Julia S. Wood, were both natives of Berkshire County, Mass. Removing to Michigan when he was but four years of age they located in Galesburg, and there Noble Bristol received his school education, taking special interest in elocution, and in his early days he carried off many prizes for rhetorical exercises. Illustrious Noble Bristol located in Bridgeport, on August 28, 1888, as brakeman in the freight yards of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company, where he has advanced step by step until he now occupies the responsible position of general yard master of Bridgeport. During his residence at Bridgeport, on June 20, 1900, he was married to Elizabeth Frances Schread, eldest daughter of Christopher and Mary Schread. Two children have been born to them: Mildred Eunice, June 2, 1901, and Lou Jerome, on November 5, 1902. Noble Bristol is Democratic in principle, and in every sense of the word. He served on the Democratic Board of Aldermen from 1899 to 1902, and was appointed police commissioner on January 1, 1912, under Noble Clifford B. Wilson, who is a member of Pyramid Temple. Noble Bristol is a devotee of the rod and gun, being a rifle shot of local repute, and prominent in all athletic sports and events. He is fond of the study of history, and especially of Masonic history, being an ardent student of all matters pertaining to Masonry. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies in Bridgeport, where he received all of his degrees, and where his works unite in praising him for his painstaking and faithfulness. He is of an unusually retiring disposition, and seldom says anything about himself with a view of advancing his own interests. He served St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., as its most worshipful master in 1901; was district deputy of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut in 1902-03; served as illustrious potentate of Pyramid Temple in 1909; as eminent commander of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in 1910, and during the latter term he was at the head of a party of sixty-two excursionists to the Grand Encampment at Chicago, and thence to and through Yellowstone National Park. He was elected prelate of Hamilton Commandery on December 7, 1911. At the time of the bicycle vogue, he was an enthusiastic wheelman, being president of the Rambling Wheelmen, and prominent in securing legislation for good roads and cycle paths at that time. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and the oldest living master of H. A. Bishop Lodge of that organization. He is also a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors.

SAMUEL R. CHIDSEY

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple on December 1, 1903, being recipient 1699 of the Order in that illustrious body. His York Rite Masonic degrees were conferred by Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has also received from the several New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite, the A. A. S. R. degrees, and was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club, the Union League Club, and of the New England Order of Protection. He is a Republican, and in 1909 and 1911, was elected a representative to the Legislature, his term expiring in 1912. Noble Chidsey was born in East Haven, Conn., August 4, 1873, and there attended public and private schools. His parents were Samuel and Maria A. (Ford) Chidsey, the former of East Haven, and the latter of North Branford. Isabella Macdonald of East Haven, became his wife in that town, on October 21, 1896, and they have three children: Samuel Ford, Donald Victor, and Robert Macdonald. He is a Congregationalist, in which faith he was bred. For the past twenty years, he has been with the Security Insurance Company of New Haven. His office is at 49 Elm Street, New Haven, and he resides in East Haven.

CHARLES H. DAVIS

Secretary, treasurer and manager since 1909, of the Spencer Grain Company of East Main Street, Waterbury, and identified with the grocery trade in Naugatuck for the past twenty-five years, was born July 7, 1865, in Port Jefferson, Long Island, N. Y., and received an education in the public schools of his native town. His father, George E. Davis of Mt. Sinai, Long Island, passed away March 27, 1911, and his mother, Ophelia Tooker Davis is also native of Mt. Sinai. As a Mason, he was entered, passed and raised in Shepherd Lodge No. 78, A. F. & A. M.; was advanced and exalted in Allerton R. A. Chapter No. 39, and granted knighthood in Clark Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar. Through the latter he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, and his enrollment therein is 2040. He resides in Waterbury.

J S Ellis

Peter Decker

Lou P. Bristol

Samuel R. Chidsey.

Chas. S. V. Davis.

ROBERT ADAMSON

Foreman and superintendent for the past sixteen years in the foundry department of the Farrel Foundry & Machine Company of Ansonia, is of Scottish birth and ancestry, and was born May 31, 1866, receiving an education in his native land. His father was Henry Adamson, and his mother is Elizabeth Henderson Adamson. He was married in Scotland, in July, 1888, to Maggie M. Brown, also of Scottish origin. They are Congregationalists, the religion of their fathers having been Presbyterian. He believes in the principles of Republicanism, pure and simple, and was elected and served his city on the Board of Aldermen, 1909-10.

In Masonry, he is enrolled in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., in Ansonia; Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35, also in Ansonia; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., in Derby, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. In addition, he belongs to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, having been admitted to that illustrious body on May 9, 1910, his enrollment therein being 2300. He is, likewise, affiliated with Naugatuck Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Ansonia; with the Foresters of America, and with the Scottish Clans.

His favorite outing is fishing. He resides in Ansonia, on Westfield Street.

KARL O. CYRUS

Of Bridgeport, is engaged in the retail drug business, having established the Cyrus Pharmacy, at the corner of Fairfield Avenue and Courtland Street, in 1893. He was inducted into the mysteries of the Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, December 10, 1901, havng first seen Masonic light in 1889, in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; he was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; admitted to the ninth arch in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and granted knighthood in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Algonquin Club, and has been treasurer of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association for several years. Noble Cyrus was born in Norrkoping, Sweden, January 23, 1867, the son of John A. Cyrus. He received his education and graduated from the public schools in his native city, and also from the Institute of Technology in that city.

He was married in Pittsfield, Mass., September 8, 1892, to Matilda L. Gimlich, daughter of Jacob and Louise Feige Gimlich. They have one child, Charles W. He is a Lutheran in religious matters, and in politics, a Republican. His residence is at 32 Hazelwood Avenue.

THOMAS HOOD MACDONALD

He lives, though lost to mortal sight!

Potentate of Pyramid Temple for the year 1904, and ennobled in that body in the class of December 10, 1896, with enrollment 1174, entered the Unseen Temple on December 3, 1911. The illustrious noble was a 32° Mason, a past master of Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., received his capitular degrees from Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; his cryptic degrees from Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and was created a knight in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in which he was general commander. In the Scottish Rite bodies he gave his allegiance to DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He was a member of Algonquin, Bridgeport Yacht, and New York Athletic Clubs; and an enthusiastic yachtsman and automobilist. He was vice president of the Bridgeport Board of Education, to which he was elected in 1904; a member of the Board of Public Works and was offered and declined the Republican nomination for mayor of Bridgeport. His opinion on matters of public interest were sought and respected. He had marked ability both as an organizer and as inventor, as exemplified in the remarkable growth of the graphophone industry, which was in its infancy when he went to Bridgeport to engage with The American Graphophone Company. Their factory was then in small rented quarters with but a few men, and their machines crude. Under his skillful direction it was improved and perfected; business consequently increased and plant expanded, until it now covers a full city square. He supervised the building, chose and organized the men, selected machinery, designed innumerable special tools for economical and rapid manufacture, and contributed more than any other man to the detail of the talking machine art. Of his many inventions now in use are: the gold-mouthed record, and the Graphophone Grand, the last-named described both by the United States Patent Office and Alexander Graham Bell, as an epoch-making invention, for which he received a reward from the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, for distinguished service as an inventor. He also received a gold medal at the World's Fair in St. Louis, in 1904. He designed every type of graphophone put on the market in the last twenty years, his latest work being the Nonpareil Grafanola, which he saw ready for distribution before his demise. Illustrious Noble Macdonald was born in Yuba Dam, a hamlet near Marysville, Cal., on July 25, 1859. He received a normal school education in his native State. His father was George Macdonald, and his mother, Margaret Hood Macdonald. He was employed in the surgeon-general's office of the War Department, in Washington, D. C., 1888-89, prior to that having been principal in the California public schools, 1881-88. At the time of his departure he was consulting engineer and director of the American Graphophone Company of Bridgeport and New York, having been appointed in 1909. He had previously served that company for seventeen years as factory manager. His bereaved family consists of his widow, Sophy Bild Macdonald; a son, Russell G., and daughter, Margaret. They reside at 1590 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport.

NICHOLAS MARTIN

Past master in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; king of Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24, and eminent commander in Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, was admitted to membership in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December 18, 1906, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 2028. Noble Martin was born in Columbus, O., March 11, 1855, and received a high school education in the New York City and Brooklyn public schools. On March 28, 1882, his marriage to Miss Ida F. Stone, also a native Ohioan, was celebrated in Norwalk. Their son, Robert E., was born December 14, 1882. They reside in Norwalk, at 57 Wilton Avenue, and his business address is, Care—The Housatonic Power Company, Norwalk.

EDWIN B. NOBLE

Admitted to Pyramid Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1895, with enrollment 1050, has Masonic affiliations with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Brother Noble was born in Northampton, Mass., June 28, 1844, and there received an education, graduating from the high school. His parents were Cyrus D. and Cynthia Slack Noble, the former of Westfield, and the latter of Northampton. His wife, to whom he was married in New Haven, on December 4, 1889, was Emma L. Whitaker of that city. They are Congregationalists. His favorite pastime is fishing. He served three years in Company B of the 31st Massachusetts Volunteers, holding the office of sergeant. Since 1873 he has been foreman in the passenger car repair department of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company. His home is at 98 Kimberly Avenue, New Haven.

Robt. Adamson

Karl O.

J. H. Macdonald

Nicholas Martin

E. B. Noble

HIRAM KEELER SCOTT, JR.

Of Ridgefield, has been engaged in the livery, sales and boarding stable business since 1891, and for the past fifteen years as auctioneer. Before entering into business for himself, he was a clerk in his father's store, and also in the post office, which his father conducted. In 1890 he was made assistant town clerk, and second selectman in 1905. He became a member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1905, his enrollment number being 1878. His Masonic affiliations were previously made with the following bodies: Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He is also a member of Pilgrim Lodge of the Odd Fellows, in which he is a past grand; of the Elks of Danbury; the Woodmen of the World; the Eastern Star, and Daughters of Rebekah. Noble Scott was born in Ridgefield, Conn., March 19, 1869, the son of Hiram K. and Elizabeth Gorham Scott. They have both passed away. He received an education in the public schools of Ridgefield, and in Bainbridge Academy of New York. He was married in Ridgefield, December 23, 1891, to Lottie A. Ellis of Brewster, N. Y. They are Episcopalians.

ARTHUR TREAT NETTLETON

The subject of this sketch was born in Bridgewater, Conn., July 29, 1862. He attended public schools of that place and of New Milford. He is the son of Joseph Stone Nettleton and Gertrude Amanda (Treat) Nettleton. His father died January 25, 1869, and his mother married the second time, George Beers, now of Danbury. Noble Nettleton married Jennie E. Morris of Hartford, on March 4, 1885. She died in St. Paul, Minn., April 5, 1886. He is a 32° Mason, with affiliations in Hiram Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M., and Hiram Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., of Newtown; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, of Danbury; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, A. A. S. R., of Bridgeport. Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport, welcomed him August 25, 1909, as its 2266th member in order of enrollment. Noble Nettleton is a member of the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution, General Silliman Branch of Bridgeport; has been secretary and treasurer of the Newtown Savings Bank since November 1, 1898, and also one of its trustees since 1898; is secretary of the Savings Banks' Association of Connecticut, from its organization in 1902; a member of the Congregational Church of Newtown, and in politics, a Republican. His residence is at Newtown.

JOHN J. FISHER

Potentate of Pyramid Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in 1910, was received in that illustrious body, on May 15, 1900, the order of his enrollment in its nobility being 1403. He is a 32° Mason, his degrees having been conferred by Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of the Algonquin, Brooklawn Country, Bridgeport Yacht, and Calumet Clubs, and in politics is a Republican. Illustrious Noble Fisher was born in Baltimore, Md., April 4, 1866, and in the public schools of his native city received an education. His parents were John H. and Margaret Jane Mitchell Fisher, both natives of Baltimore. His marriage in New York City, to Maudella Tyler Shores of Lee, Mass., daughter of Judge Norman Willis Shores of Norfolk, Conn., and Nancy Tyler Shores, native of Amenia, N. Y., occurred July 19, 1904. He was brought up a Methodist, but has espoused Congregationalism, which is also the faith of Mrs. Fisher. He is in the insurance and real estate business, at 1024 Main Street, Bridgeport, and also resides in Bridgeport, at 267 Laurel Avenue.

EDWARD J. TUPPER

Of Stamford, served three times as master of Union Lodge No. 5, and three times as high priest in Rittenhouse Royal Arch Chapter No. 11. He was thrice illustrious master of Washington Council No. 6, and junior warden for one year in Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, and subsequently, on December 14, 1898, was admitted to the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, his enrollment in that body being 1298. He is likewise an Elk and an Odd Fellow in their respective Stamford lodges, and as well, a member of the Suburban Club.

His political faith is in Republican principles, and he has been three times elected mayor of Stamford—in 1899, 1906, and 1908. He is chairman of the Republican Town Committee, president of the Republican Club, and deputy collector of the port

Noble Tupper was born in Milton, Queen's County, Nova Scotia, September 19, 1853. His parents, both Congregationalists, were Nathan and Mary Freeman Tupper, both of Nova Scotia. He received his first years of schooling in Wisconsin, and, returning to Nova Scotia at the age of eleven, he then completed his attendance at school. His marriage to Elizabeth Elliott of Windham County was celebrated June 30, 1881. Baseball is his favorite sport. His home is at 34 Suburban Avenue, Stamford, and his business address is care of Fr. Beck & Company, foot of Canal Street, Stamford, of which concern he has been superintendent from 1882.

FRED C. HOWE

Received into life membership in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 9, 1907, his enrollment therein being No. 2162, and has Masonic connections with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is, likewise, enrolled with the Elks in Lincoln, Neb., Lodge No. 80, and is a well-known clubman, holding membership in the New Haven Union League, the Young Men's Republican of New Haven, New Haven Yacht, Algonquin of Bridgeport, the Home Club of Meriden, and also the Copake and West Chester Fishing Clubs of New Haven; belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, and the Business Men's Association, and politically adheres to Republican principles. He is, too, a member of the Board of Directors of the Automobile Club of New Haven, of the Connecticut Automobile Association, and of the American Automobile Association of New York. Noble Howe was born in Princeton, Mass., March 15, 1866, and there attended schools, specializing in a business course in Worcester, Mass. His father is Oscar Howe, also a native of Princeton, and his mother was Amanda Adams Howe of Princeton. On June 14, 1893, he was married in Lincoln, Neb., to Martha Funke of that city. Noble Howe has Episcopal affiliations. He is an enthusiast in outdoor sports, notably those of hunting, fishing, boating, etc. He taught school for two years in the Second District of Princeton, his home town. He is now serving as corporal in the 4th Division, 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard of Connecticut. In 1889 he was bank examiner in Nebraska; deputy state auditor in 1891; secretary of the Nebraska State Banking Commission in 1893, and from 1896 superintendent of "Bradstreet's" Mercantile Agency in Lincoln, Neb., being transferred to his present position as superintendent of the Bradstreet Company with headquarters at 113 Orange Street, New Haven. His residence is in New Haven, at 8 Edgewood Avenue.

Hiram K Scott Jr.

Arthur T Kettleton

John J. Fisher.

Edward J Tupper

Howe

WILLIAM W. MERTZ

Past senior deacon in Seneca Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., and senior and junior warden, is also Masonically allied with Cyrus R. A. Chapter No. 45; Buell Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters; Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T.; Doric Lodge of Perfection; Ionic Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. His Shrine affiliations are with Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., having been received in the latter body on May 13, 1908, with membership number 2202. Noble Mertz was born in Bennington, Vt., August 30, 1863; attended the public schools in that place, and completed a business course in Hartford. His parents, both of German birth and Congregationalists, were Jacob and Caroline Wiese Mertz. His wife, to whom he was married in New York, December 6, 1888, was Lizzie W. Lewis of Torrington. He is fond of autoing and all outdoor sports, and holds membership in the Torrington Club, Torrington Wheel Club, the Auto Club of America, and the Litchfield County Auto Club. He, too, is a Congregationalist, and his residence is at 57 Migeon Avenue, Torrington. Since 1905 he has been proprietor of the W. W. Mertz Company Department Store, in Torrington, located at 54-58 Main Street.

WINFIELD RICE COE, JR.

A York Rite Mason of Meriden, and for the past nine years from 1902 paymaster for the International Silver Company, and twelve years prior to that clerk for the same company, was admitted to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on May 9, 1910, and enrolled therein 2288. His Masonic degrees previously attained, and his passport for admission to Pyramid, were conferred by Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M., in which he was raised; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., which advanced and exalted him; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., in which he was received and greeted, and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., in which he was created a Sir Knight. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum in Alfred H. Hall Council No. 1423, in Meriden. Noble Coe is a native of Meriden, and was born October 8, 1873. It is also the birthplace of his father, Winfield R. Coe, Sr., and of his late mother, Mary E. Andrews Coe. He was educated in Meriden, graduating from high school. Emma J. Higgins, daughter of Michael and Mary E. Grady Higgins, became his wife on October 8, 1901. Their love is centered around one daughter, Mary E., born October 15, 1908. He is a member of the Cosmopolitan Club, and his home is at 61 Lambert Avenue, Meriden.

FREDERIC A. BARTLETT

Is the able chief of the Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple, and one of the most active members. He is senior member of the law firm of Bartlett, Keeler & Cohn, and has been for a period of fifteen years. Born in Bridgeport, September 11, 1868, the son of John Francis Bartlett and Angeline Halstead Lewis, he was educated in private schools and at Yale University, being an alumnus of the class of 1888. He is unmarried and resides at 858 Park Avenue, Bridgeport. Activity has marked every day of Noble Bartlett's life. He has held various political offices, having been president of the Board of Aldermen in Bridgeport, 1907-08; member of the lower branch of the General Assembly, 1908-09; of the State Senate, 1911-12, lieutenant commander and naval aide on the staff of Governor Frank B. Weeks, and chief of the Third Division of the Naval Reserve of Connecticut. He is an active member of the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport; of the Army and Navy Club of New York, and of the Bridgeport Yacht and Pequonnock Yacht Clubs of Bridgeport Noble Bartlett's Masonic membership is in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, in which he is a past eminent commander, and in the Scottish Rite: DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council of Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Other bodies which claim Noble Barlett's membership are: Pequonnock Lodge of Odd Fellows, Bridgeport Lodge of Elks, and Franklin Bartlett Camp of Sons of Veterans.

SAMUEL R. AVIS

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at its annual session, and in the class of December 27, 1900, being enrolled therein 1375, had previously qualified as a York Rite Mason in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the A. M. O. P., Heptasophs, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen of America. Politically a Democrat, he has served his city in several offices: for two terms as a member of the Board of Aldermen; for three terms as a member of the Board of Education, one year as park commissioner, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Public Library for seventeen years. For twenty-five years he was a contractor in the barrel department of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and in 1906 retired from active business life. Noble Avis was born in Berkeley County, Va., and at an early age was removed to Harper's Ferry in Jefferson County, and there educated in the public schools. His parents were William and Anne Rachel Deaver Avis, both West Virginians. On May 5, 1863, he was married to Emma Elizabeth Lee of Harper's Ferry, who was his first wife. Seven children were born to them: William Henry, Woodburn Roszel, Ida Lee, Martin Luther, George Elmer, Dollie, and Samuel Walter. He was married to his present wife, Mrs. Carrie Barker Elliot of New Haven, in that city. Martin Luther passed away when but two and a half years old, and Dollie, at the age of seven. The remaining five are still living. Noble Avis has been interested in real estate in New York, and is now at the head of four or five companies. In religious belief he is a Methodist, as were his parents. Fishing is his favorite outdoor sport. He resides at 54 Division Street, New Haven.

STERLING H. FANTON

A Noble of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was admitted to that body May 5, 1903, his membership number being 1621. He was born in Danbury, Conn., June 20, 1868, and graduated from the public schools of his native town in 1887, later taking courses in Yale Law and Oberlin Preparatory Schools. He was the son of Thomas C. and Abigail C. Ellwell Fanton. On September 14, 1897, he was married in Waterbury, Conn., to Flora Hazen, daughter of Daniel Hazen of Burlington, Vt. Two children have been born to them: June C., on June 22, 1898, and Ruth E., June 5, 1910. Hunting and fishing are his favorite diversions, also the reading of history and fiction.

Noble Fanton's Masonic affiliations are with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., in which he is past thrice illustrious potentate; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of Progressive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F., and Devotion Encampment No. 5.

His business address is 20 Crosby Sreet, Danbury, and he resides at 11 Downs Street, Danbury.

W. W. Mertz

W. P. Cox Jr.

Frederic A. Bartlett

Saml R. Avis

Sterling H. Franton

LLOYD S. BLACKMAN

Of Redding, Conn., was born March 28, 1883, in West Redding, Conn. He attended the public schools of Redding, and the Norwalk University in 1902. His father is James L. Blackman, native of Newtown, and his mother was Elizabeth Barlow Blackman of Redding. September 1, 1909, he was married to Gertrude von Gal, daughter of Louis and Amy Miller von Gal of South Norwalk. They have one daughter, Amy E., born December 4, 1910.

His Masonic career began early, and he has already, though not yet thirty years of age, received his thirty-second degree in Lafayette Consistory, of which he is a member. All of his degrees of the Scottish Rite were taken in the A. A. S. R. bodies in Bridgeport, his York Rite degrees having come from Danbury bodies, except those of the lodge. In Ark Lodge No. 39, of Redding, in which he first saw Masonic light, he is a senior deacon. Pyramid Temple received him into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December 9, 1907, and he holds therein membership No. 2169. He is also a member of Wooster Club of Danbury.

His politics are Democratic, and he was the 2d selectman of Redding, elected for term of 1907-08 and appointed chairman of the Democratic committee of Redding, in 1910. His church affiliations are Congregational, and in the matter of pastimes he prefers fishing, while in reading his preference is for works on engineering. Since 1905, jointly with his father, he conducts a farming, milling and grain business.

JOHN M. CLAXTON

Proprietor of the drug business conducted under that name in Torrington, is a 32° Mason who entered the Mystic Shrine, May 13, 1908, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, where he is enrolled as No. 2182. He is a member of Seneca Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter No. 45, R. A. M.; Buell Council No. 14, R. & S. M.; Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., and attained his Scottish Rite degrees in the Waterbury bodies, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He also holds membership in the I. O. O. F., in Ridgeby Lodge and Torrington White Oak Encampment. He is, likewise, a member of the B. P. O. E. of Torrington, and of the Military Company of Torrington, where he has been quartermaster sergeant since its organization, on November 24, 1903. Noble Claxton was born in Waterbury, Conn., December 4, 1873, and there received an education. He is the son of John and Mary Hill Claxton, both from Ireland. He was married in South Manchester, November 9, 1904, to Harriet Wilkinson of that place. Their children are Harriet L., born December 10, 1905, and Margaret L., July 31, 1907. Noble Claxton is affiliated with the Episcopal Church, as were his parents. For the past eleven years he has been associated with Mutual Fire Company No. 1, as its assistant chief. His residence is at 415 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, and he is a member of the Torrington and Owl Clubs.

FRED L. GAYLORD

Postmaster of Ansonia since 1898, was born in Waterbury, Conn., January 19, 1850. He is the son of Miles A. Gaylord of Hamden, and Elizabeth Byington of Southington. His revered father was born eighty-seven years ago. Noble Gaylord was married in Bristol, October 9, 1879, to Mary Emma Peck, daughter of Don E. Peck of Burlington, and Mary J. Yale, of Bristol. They have two children: Harold B., born October 1, 1880, and F. Alan, June 1, 1885. Noble Gaylord is devoted to athletics, and is keenly interested in current events, keeping well abreast of the times. Before his appointment to the postmastership by President McKinley, he was cashier and bookkeeper for Wallace & Sons, where he had been continuously since 1868, when he was but eighteen years of age. Prior to that, having attained a common school education, at the age of fifteen, he struck out for himself, taking a position as clerk in a country store. Noble Gaylord has ever taken a deep interest in politics, and from 1881 has been a member of the Republican State Central Committee, being also a member of the Ansonia Club and the Manufacturers' Club. He was made a Mason in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, Royal Arch Masons; received the cryptic degrees in Union Council, No. 12, Royal and Select Masters, and was dubbed and created a Knight Templar, in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He also belongs to the New Haven Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapter of Rose Croix, and to the Bridgeport Sovereign Consistory of the Scottish Rite. On October 26, 1891, he was ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., the number of his membership being 745. He was elected representative from Pyramid Temple to the Imperial Council, to Louisville, Ky., in 1909, also to New Orleans in 1910. He is, likewise, a member of the Odd Fellows in Ansonia.

WILLIAM A. MACFARLANE

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on February 10, 1909, with enrollment No. 2238, is Masonically connected with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and with the Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport, including Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is also fraternally associated with Gamma Delta Psi, and Chi Phi, the former, of high school, and the latter, of college, and he holds membership in the Automobile Club of Bridgeport. Noble Macfarlane was born in Taunton, Mass., May 9, 1881, and gained an education in the Bridgeport High School and Ohio State University. William T. Macfarlane is his father, and his mother was Amy Hillis Macfarlane. On September 20, 1905, he was united in marriage with Bessie Merwin Burton, daughter of Henry Andrew and Nellie Antoinette Merwin Burton, in Waterbury. Their one child, around whom their love centers, is Marjorie Bernice, born August 20, 1910. They are believers in Congregational doctrines, as were his parents. He greatly enjoys motoring, hunting and fishing, and in reading, prefers history. He is a director in the Taunton Crucible Company of Taunton, Mass., and has been secretary of The Bridgeport Crucible Company, for the past ten years. His business address is that of the Bridgeport Crucible Company, and he resides at 1789 Park Avenue, Bridgeport.

HAMILTON C. CARPENTER

A York Rite Mason of Seymour, entered the Mystic Shrine, on March 10, 1909, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, where his enrollment is 2241. As a Mason he had been previously raised in Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; exalted in Evening Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2., K. T. He is also affiliated with the Seymour Odd Fellows in Mechanics Lodge, and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen of America. He was the son of Episcopal parents, George P. and Mary A. All Carpenter of Hartford, Conn., and he, too, was born there, February 21, 1870, receiving an education in the public schools of that city. He formerly resided in Seymour, having been superintendent of the Seymour Manufacturing Company from 1908, and connected with that company since 1898. On August 1, 1911, however, he resigned to accept the position of treasurer and general manager for the Taunton Crucible Company at Taunton, Mass., and he now resides in that city.

Lloyd S. Blackman

John M. Clayton

Fred L. Gaylord

William A. Macfarlane.

H. C. Carpenter

FREDERICK D. G. DIMOND

Knocked at the door of Masonry, in Eureka Lodge No. 83, A. F. & A. M., in Bethel, on February 12, 1902, and was therein entered, passed and raised; was advanced and exalted in Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23, and knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, in Danbury, following which he was admitted to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 18, 1906, his membership card bearing No. 2036. He is also a member of the Masonic Club of Bethel. Noble Dimond was born in Bethel, Conn., July 26, 1880, and received an education in the public schools of Bethel, and those of Washington, D. C., and graduated from the Bethel High School in 1897. His father, the late lamented Noble Aaron H. Dimond, was also a member of Pyramid, and passed away October 26, 1911, his devoted mother, Sarah J. Porter Dimond, formerly of Redding, having preceded his father to the Eternal City by but nineteen days. Noble Dimond, the subject of this sketch, was on the School Board of Redding, in 1908, and was also town auditor, but resigned both posts when changing his residence from Redding to Bethel. For the past thirteen years, since 1898, he has been connected with the Baird, Untiedt Company, hat manufacturers, in the capacity of order clerk. He is fond of autoing and of all outdoor sports, and resides at 129 Center Street, Bethel.

AARON H. DIMOND

Entered the Unseen Temple on October 26, 1911, his devoted wife, Sarah J. Porter Dimond, having passed beyond the realms of mortal life, on October 7, 1911. He crossed the burning sands and was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in that illustrious body, on May 25, 1891, his enrollment having been No. 722. He was over seventy years of age, when he passed away. He entered Masonry in Eureka Lodge No. 83, A. F. & A. M., and was there passed and raised. In Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23, he was advanced and exalted, and was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. His fraternal affiliations were entirely Masonic and those of the Shrine, and he was a member of the Masonic Club of Bethel. His political convictions were Republican, and for several years he was warden of Bethel, likewise tax assessor, and collector of both borough and town taxes, also justice of the peace. At twenty he "started in life," first by teaching two seasons, then farming, next bought and sold real estate, and worked in the hat industry. Meantime, during the summers of about twenty years from 1865, he drove over six towns in his vicinity, selling agricultural implements, horses, and cattle. Then in Bethel he started a hardware, plumbing and tin business, which he conducted until 1898. He had practically retired from business life at the time of his demise, but was interested in farming in Redding, and in improvements in his home town. Noble Dimond's parents were Frederick D. and Priscilla B. Thorp Dimond, both Baptists, and his wife, to whom he was married in Bethel, September 2, 1862, was Sarah J. Porter, daughter of Lyman and Mary Joyce Porter, Methodists. One of their two sons, George H., who also was a member of Eureka Lodge No. 83, A. F. & A., M., preceded him to the "Great Beyond" by two years, according to mortal measure of existence, leaving three sons in the third generation. The lamented noble and his wife leave one son, doubly bereaved, Fred D., himself a noble, a master Mason, and a Knight Templar. His favorite study was the Bible, and his home was in Bethel, at 129 Center Street.

HENRY O. CANFIELD

Was an active 33° Mason for the State of Connecticut, and a member of the Grand Council. He was welcomed in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 24, 1890, his enrollment in that body having been 536. He had entered the Unseen Temple on July 25, 1910. His blue lodge was Corinthian No. 104, A. F. & A. M., which he had served as master; his Royal Arch chapter, Jerusalem No. 13, and his council of Royal and Select Masters, was Jerusalem No. 16, in which he had passed through all of the chairs, while his commandery, K. T., was Hamilton No. 5. The Scottish Rite degrees were conferred on him in the Bridgeport bodies, and he served three years as master of ceremonies in DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, and as the head of Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, for seven years. The Algonquin, Brooklawn, and other clubs claimed his membership. He was an adherent to the principles of Republicanism, but not politically active. He had been identified with the rubber-manufacturing industry, from 1882, and was associated with the Canfield Rubber Company, until 1889, when he sold out his interests therein, and organized a business under his own name, and in 1903, the H. O. Canfield Company. He was born in Naugatuck, Conn., November 9, 1847, and there obtained his early schooling, previous to his education in Europe. His parents were Jared H. and Mary A. Andrews Canfield He was married in North Greece, N. Y., in 1873, to Emmogene C. Freshour of Pekin, Ill., and leaves a widow and two sons: H. B. and A. H. Canfield. The lamented noble was an Episcopalian. The great rubber goods manufactory which he built up, and which is located in Bridgeport, on Housatonic Avenue, is a fitting monument to his rare ability as an organizer. His home was also in Bridgeport, on North Avenue.

EMERY E. ADAMS

Retired in 1908, after thirty years of business life as contractor and manufacturer of augurs and bits, was born in Croton Falls, West Chester County, N. Y., April 29, 1850, and received an education in the public schools of his county. His parents were Edward and Sarah Jane Meade Adams, both natives of New York State. He has been twice married: in Seymour, Conn., February 9, 1875, to Ella J. Emery, daughter of Frederick Emery of Seymour; and in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Christmas Day, 1907, to Ottilia Kitchelt. He has two daughters by the first wife, Luella Emery and Beulah Agnes. Noble Adams was brought up in the Episcopal faith.

His Masonic affiliations are with Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Evening Star R. A. Chapter No. 47; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and with the several Scottish Rite bodies in New Haven and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. He was early received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, on April 27, 1885, with membership 138. His residence is in Derby, at 150 Caroline Street.

ANDREW CYRUS MOREHOUSE

A 32° Mason of Meriden, and treasurer of the Morehouse Brothers Company, dealers in contractors' and builders' supplies, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 25, 1905, with enrollment 1925. He received his Masonic degrees of the York Rite, in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., where he serves as royal arch captain; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., in which he is sword bearer. His A. A. S. R. degrees came from E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; New Haven Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. Noble Morehouse was born in New Haven, July 31, 1874, and there received an education in the public schools, and Childs' Business College. He is the son of Henry L. Morehouse of New Milford, and Katherine D. Wright of Leesville. On June 30, 1898, he was married to Charlotte M. Smith of Clinton, daughter of Walter and Susan E. Stevens Smith of that town. Their children are: Henry L., Walter F., Andrew C., Jr., Edna G., Robert A., and Charlotte K. His residence is situated at 47 Lincoln Street, while his business address is 20 Miller Street, both in Meriden.

Fred'k D. G. Dimond

Aaron H. Dimond

Henry D. Canfield 33°

Emery E. Adams

Andrew C. Morehouse

ARTHUR B. SIMPKIN

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 9, 1910, with enrollment 2296, is Masonically affiliated with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; also with the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Simpkin was born in Plainville, Conn., September 19, 1871, and was educated in the public and private schools of Thomaston. His father is William Thurston Simpkin, native of Wheeling, Ill., and his mother was Fannie Bailey Simpkin of West Hartford. On November 19, 1896, he was united in marriage with Mattie D. Hart of New Haven. Noble Simpkin is a Congregationalist. Fishing and traveling are his favorite pastimes. For the past twenty-three years he has been engaged in the drug business in Connecticut, the location of which is 888 Howard Avenue, New Haven. He resides at 424 George Street, same city.

AUSTIN BEERS BLAKEMAN

Is a 32° Mason, and was born in Newtown, Conn., January 3, 1858. He received his education in the public schools of that town. His parents were Charles E. and Mary J. (Beers) Blakeman. Noble Blakeman is a member of Hiram Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M., and Hiram Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., of Newtown, Conn.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., of Danbury, Conn.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, A. & A. S. R. of Bridgeport, Conn. Pyramid Temple welcomed him December 18, 1906, the number of his enrollment being 2019. Mr. Blakeman was for twenty-six years, and until October 5, 1910, engaged in the mercantile business at Botsford, which is situated in the southern part of Newtown, and was also postmaster for twenty-seven years and railroad station agent for ten years at the same place. He married Ada MacGregor, a daughter of Alexander and Adelia (Parker) MacGregor of Bridgeport, Conn., on October 20, 1887. They have had two children, Margery Beers, who lived but seven days, and Helen MacGregor, born December 18, 1889, and was taken from them March 21, 1910. She was a graduate of Newtown High School, class of 1908, and was the light of their home. They are members of Trinity Episcopal Church of Newtown. In politics Mr. Blakeman is a Democrat, and was elected by his party a representative to the Legislature for 1903; he has also just received his commission as Deputy Sheriff for Fairfield County from High Sheriff, William Vollmer of South Norwalk, Conn. He resides in Newtown.

HENRY SETZER

First honorary past potentate of Pyramid Temple, having been one of the original small party who went to Mecca Temple in New York, to organize Pyramid Temple. He was a representative to the Imperial Council, and has served the Shrine long and faithfully. Until recently he has held a trusteeship of Pyramid Temple, which he has resigned. Noble Setzer was born June 17, 1856, in New York City. He came to Bridgeport from New York in 1878, at the age of twenty-two, and opened the first large wholesale and retail market in the city, employing some twenty or twenty-five men. The market was located on the corner of Cannon and Broad Streets, covering the entire ground floor, now occupied by the Post Office. He continued in this business for about twenty years and then engaged in real estate investments and building up of the West End, but has now retired from active pursuits. He was one of the original owners of the Bridgeport Traction Company, also a director, and largely instrumental in introducing electric traction in the city. May 18, 1881, he was married to Alice C. Perry of Bridgeport. For some years he was a member of the Board of Apportionment, and is on the Park Commission. He also holds membership in the Algonquin Club, Brooklawn Country Club, and in the New York Athletic Club. Masonically, and in the York Rite, he is affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council of Royal and Select Masters No. 16, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, and in the Scottish Rite, a member with DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. The Algonquin Club honored Illustrious Noble Setzer with the chairmanship of its board of governors and its presidency.

WILLIAM K. MIX

Of Bridgeport, was enrolled a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. of the Mystic Shrine, on April 9, 1906, his membership number being 1962, and his Masonic connections with the following: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also past master and district deputy in the Ancient Order of United Workmen; a member of the Woodmen of the World; one of the Sons of the American Revolution; of Sons of Veterans, and a member of the Sea Side Club.

Noble Mix is president and treasurer of the Wentworth Furniture Company of Bridgeport, having been identified with and instrumental in the establishing of the company since 1889. From 1885 to 1889 he was manager for the C. A. Morse Company of New Haven, dealers in house furniture. Born in New Hartford, Conn., December 8, 1866, he studied in public and private schools of New Haven, and took a five years' course in the General Russell Military Academy. He is the son of Henry A. and Effie A. Richards Mix of New Haven. In 1889, he was married to Hattie E. Wentworth of Bridgeport, daughter of Watson L. and Clara Shumway. They have two children: Clara Wentworth, born September 23, 1891, and Leroy Wentworth, December 14, 1892. Noble Mix is a member of the Congregational Church. He is fond of autoing and all outdoor sports. Historical reading claims his interest, and he has a famous collection of rare stamps, coins, antiques, and Indian baskets. His home is at 3265 Main Street.

LAUREN MELVILLE ALLEN, M. D.

Of 13 Washington Street, South Norwalk, was born in Westport, Conn., June 12, 1857. He has been engaged in the general practise of his profession since 1880. His education was received in private schools of Westport, South Norwalk and Norwalk, also Greensfarm Academy and Columbia University.

His parents were Isaac Allen and Eunice Ann Murrey and his marriage to Katie Charleta Shaffer, daughter of James Shaffer of Brooklyn, was celebrated in Brooklyn, October 8, 1879. They have one daughter, Mrs. Carl D. Mexcur. His religious affiliations are Episcopal, and his club attachments are with the South Norwalk Club, the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport, and the Norwalk Yacht Club, being commodore of the latter. He is a Mason in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He was subsequently admitted to membership in the Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, December 9, 1907, his enrollment being 2148. He is president of the Norwalk Hospital staff, and has rendered continuous service in that capacity for the past fifteen years. He is also a member of the Connecticut Medical Association. His offices and residence are in South Norwalk.

A. B. Simpkin

Henry Selzer

A. B. Blakeman

William K. Mix

L. M. Allen

FREDERICK H. QUINTARD

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, with enrollment 2118, is a member of St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He is also a member of the Order of Elks in South Norwalk and is vice president of Norwalk Club, also a member of the South Norwalk, Norwalk Historical, and the Country and Roxbury Clubs, also a Son of the American Revolution. His political affiliations are Republican; he is a member of the City Council; was tax collector for one term; assessor for one term, and served two terms in the Legislature, 1907-09. Noble Quintard was born in Norwalk, Conn., January 27, 1857, and was educated in public and private schools in Norwalk. His parents were Francis E. Quintard of Norwalk, and Matilda Lounsbury Quintard of Ridgefield. On November 2, 1881, the ceremony uniting in marriage his life with that of Mary E. Benedict of South Norwalk, was performed in her home city. His religious affiliations are Congregational, as were those of his parents. Hunting, fishing, and autoing are his favorite pastimes. For ten years he was secretary and treasurer of the Wisner Shoe Company of Bridgeport, and is now secretary and treasurer of The C. S. Trowbridge Company of 129 Washington Street, South Norwalk. His residence, too, is in South Norwalk, at No. 5 Washington Street.

DAVID R. ALLING

Crowned by the Supreme Council with the 33°, A. A. S. R., N. M. J., in Milwaukee, Wis., on September 17, 1901, was welcomed in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on January 24, 1887, and therein accorded membership No. 234. He was a representative from Pyramid to the nineteenth annual session of the Imperial Council, held in Denver, Col., 13th and 14th of June, 1893. He is a past master in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest of Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; past thrice illustrious master of Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; past eminent commander and trustee of New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; a past thrice potent master and past trustee in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; past sovereign prince and past trustee in Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; past most wise master in New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and past trustee, also past 2d lieutenant commander of Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°. He was, likewise, district deputy in 1903-04, in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons, and a member of the Knights Templar and New Haven Clubs. He is also allied with the I. O. O. F., being past noble grand of Quinnipiac Lodge No. 1, in New Haven; past chief patriarch of Sassacus Encampment No. 1, also in New Haven; past commandant of Canton Sassacus No. 1; past grand master of Grand Lodge of Connecticut; past grand representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge, and was one of the prime movers in the erection in 1898, of the four-story I. O. O. F. building in New Haven at 95 Crown Street, where he acted as its treasurer and manager. Illustrious Noble Alling is the son of David Alling of New Haven, and Anna Beers Alling of Trumbull, Conn. He was born in New Haven, September 15, 1845, and there received an education, graduating from the Yale Business College. His business career dates from 1867. Since 1873 he has been a member of the wholesale and retail coal and wood firm of F. A. & D. R. Alling of 755 Chapel Street, New Haven. Noble Alling resides at 727 Howard Avenue, New Haven.

He is one of the vestrymen in Trinity P. E. Church, and is chairman of its music committee.

RICHARD G. DAVIS

A 32° Mason of New Haven, and admitted to the A. A. O. N. of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple No. 8, on December 19, 1901, with membership No. 1472, has Masonic affiliations with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., which he served for three years as treasurer; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and with the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, of which he is a member. Noble Davis is also a director of the Second National Bank; a member of the Business Men's Association; of the Sons of American Revolution; of the Congregational Club, and as a Republican has served the Fourteenth Ward of his city for two terms as alderman.

His parents were Daniel L. and Lucy Ann Griswold Davis of Guilford, Conn., in which town he was also born on July 27, 1850, and there he received an education, graduating from the high school. He was married in Fair Haven, on December 19, 1877, to Minnie R. Hemingway of that place. They have three children: Harvey Hemingway, Louie Lay, and Jessie Lee, and their home is in New Haven, at 103 Sherland Avenue.

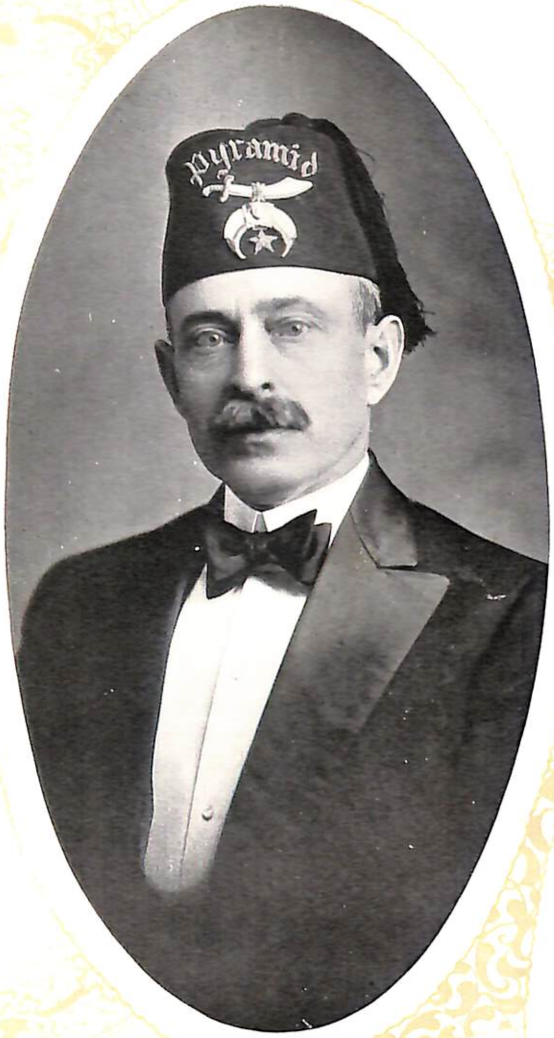
He made his start in business in 1870, as a carpenter, but in 1876 embarked on his mercantile career as a flour, feed and grain merchant. His business headquarters are at 550-552 Grand Avenue, New Haven.

CHARLES DEWITT ROGERS

Attained life membership in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1905, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 1667. He had previously joined the Masonic Order, becoming a member of Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; was advanced in Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38; his cryptic degrees were received in Washington Council No. 6, Royal and Select Masters, and he was knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. The several Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the Bridgeport bodies, including his thirty-second degree by Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, of which he is a member. He, likewise, holds membership in the Norwalk and South Norwalk Clubs, the Norwalk Country Club, and Fellow Crafts Club, and is secretary of the Norwalk Board of Trade. Noble Rogers was born in New Canaan, Conn., September 29, 1874, and received an education in Kings School of Stamford, and the Packard Institute of New York, where he took a supplemental commercial course. His late parents were Henry B. Rogers, native of Bridgeport, and Mary L. Hoyt of South Norwalk. In Houlgate Calvados, France, on September 4, 1909, his marriage to Margelia Hollingsworth, daughter of William T. P. Hollingsworth of New York, and Mary Hoyt Hollingsworth of New Canaan, was celebrated. They are attendants at the Congregational Church in Norwalk, and their home is No. 6 Morgan Avenue, same town. Since 1904 he has been a member of the firm of Rogers & Stevens, conducting a clothing and furnishing business at 24 Wall Street, Norwalk, and another at 14 South Main Street, South Norwalk.

STANLEY LEWIS NICHOLS

A 32° Mason of Shelton, and created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1579, has Masonic affiliations with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is a member of the Shelton Business Men's Association, and of the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade. Noble Nichols was born in Nichols, Conn., March 10, 1871, and graduated from the Nichols public schools. His father was C. Carlos Nichols of Nichols, Conn., and his mother is Anna M. Lewis Nichols of Sharon. Noble Nichols was reared as an Episcopalian. From 1894 he has been a funeral director in Shelton. He resides in Shelton, at 462 Coram Avenue.



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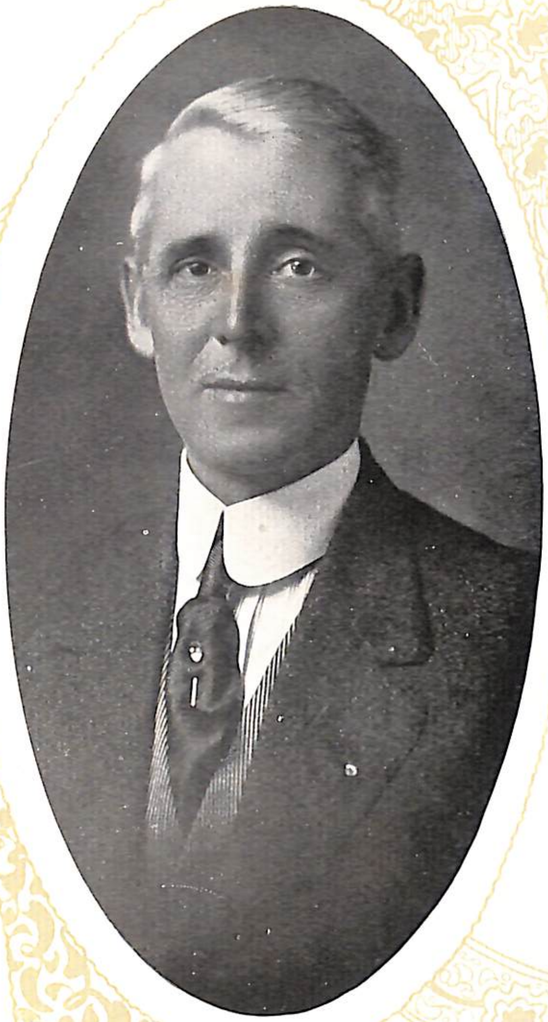

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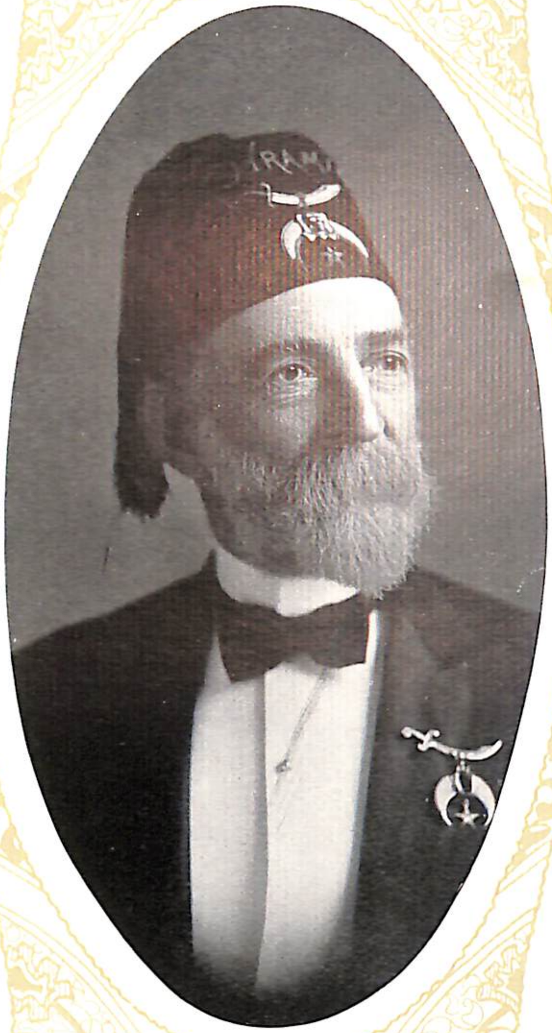

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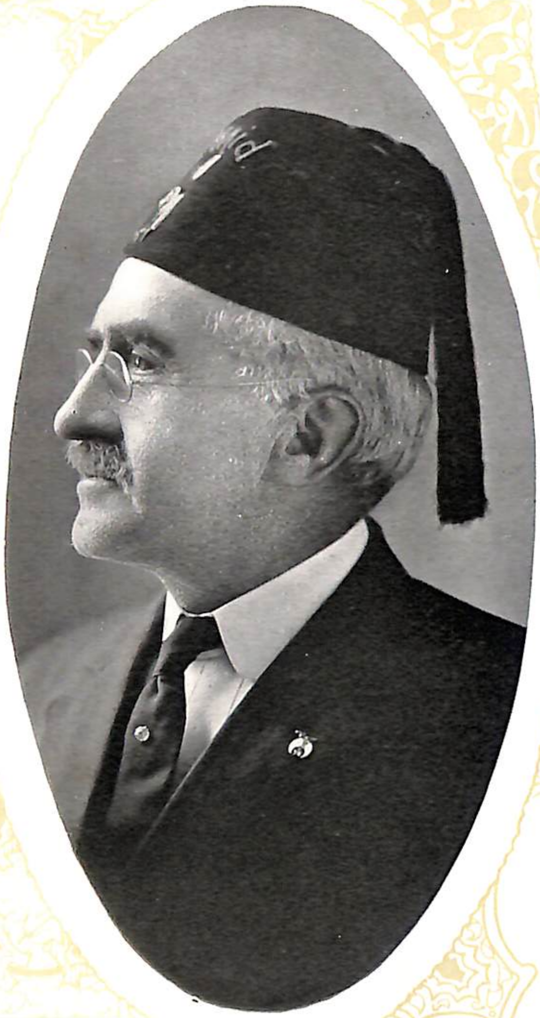

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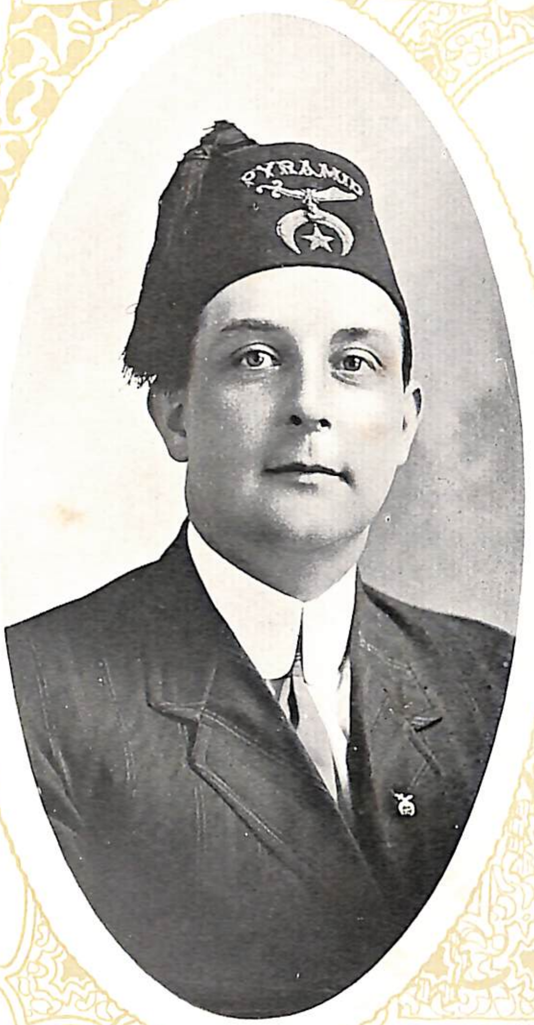

Charles D. Rogers

ROBERT PETER HENDERSON

Accountant for the firm of McLean Bros., since 1895, was born in Hartford, Conn., September 28, 1880. He received an education in the Hartford and Danbury schools, taking a special course in bookkeeping. His father was Robert Henderson, and his mother, Grace McLean Henderson, both of Scottish origin.

Noble Henderson was entered, passed and raised in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; was advanced and exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; admitted to the ninth arch in Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and received the templar orders in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. Subsequently, on November 23, 1908, he was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 2222. He was brought up in the Congregational faith; is fond of all outdoor sports, and his business address is 221 Main Street, Danbury. He also resides in Danbury, at 19 Division Street.

ROBERT A. BEERS

Treasurer of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., received the Order of the Mystic Shrine with enrollment 2216, on November 25, 1908. His York Rite degrees came from Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. The degrees of the Scottish Rite he received from DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, Washington Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, 32°. Noble Beers was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 18, 1874, and received an education in the public schools of that city, and the Trinity Military College, at Tivoli-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. He is the son of Fred W. and Angeline E. Hawley Beers, both residents of Brooklyn, N. Y. For nearly two decades, from July 1, 1892, until March 1, 1911, he was teller in the Mechanics' and Farmers' Savings Bank, 107 Wall Street, Bridgeport, and is the assistant cashier of the City National Bank of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Algonquin and Sea Side Outing Clubs, and his residence is at 259 Laurel Avenue, Bridgeport.

EDWARD T. BUCKINGHAM

Mayor of Bridgeport, was elected to that high office on the Democratic ticket in 1909. He is a valued member of many fraternities. His temple in the Shrine is Pyramid, in which he was welcomed and enrolled on April 9, 1906, his membership number being 1906. He is also one of the Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple, and Masonically connected with all of the York and Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, having been made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory. He is a past master in his blue lodge. His other fraternal associations are with S. H. Harris Lodge No. 99, of the Odd Fellows in Bridgeport, Stratfield Encampment; Joseph Dowdall Lodge of Knights of Pythias; Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 420; Bridgeport Lodge of Elks No. 36; Foresters of America; Improved Order of Red Men, Wowompom Tribe No. 40, in which he is past sachem and Great Sachem of the State of Connecticut. He is likewise a member of the Yale Club of New York and of the University Club of Bridgeport. Noble Buckingham was born in Metuchen, N. J., May 12, 1874. His parents are Walter T. and Helen Tolls Buckingham. He attained his preliminary education in the grammar and high schools of Bridgeport, graduating from the latter in 1891. Four years later, he graduated from the academic department in Yale University, and in 1897 from the law school of Yale. His marriage to Bessie L. R. Budau, daughter of John and Annie Russell Budau of Bridgeport, was celebrated in that city, on June 3, 1903. Their two children are Russell B. and Edward T., Jr., born, respectively, on June 2, 1904, and September 2, 1905. Noble Buckingham's church affiliations are Congregational, while those of Mrs. Buckingham are Episcopal. In the spare moments of his busy life, he finds enjoyment in autoing, tennis, baseball, and other outdoor sports, also in historical and political reading, and fiction. He resides in Bridgeport, at 2255 Main Street. At the present time he is engaged in the practice of law in Bridgeport in the Connecticut Bank Building under the firm name of Buckingham and Bent.

WALTER A. MAIN

A 32° Mason of West Haven, was made a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on March 3, 1891, with enrollment 581. He received his York Rite degrees from Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees came from New Haven bodies, and Lafayette, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar, Union League, and Young Men's Republican Clubs, all of New Haven, also in the Royal Arcanum, and the Chamber of Commerce. For seventeen years he has been first selectman in the town of Orange, and on the recent consolidation of the borough of West Haven, and town of Orange, he was chosen first selectman to head the new government. In business, both real estate and insurance have claimed his attention. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Spring Lake Company, and secretary of the New Haven Investment Company. Noble Main was born in Orange, Conn., August 6, 1854, where he has lived all of his life, with the exception of a few years spent in Redlands, Cal. His parents were the late Elias Talmadge and Jane E. Smith Main. He was married in West Haven, November 5, 1879, to Carrie E. Smith of that town. They have had three children, two of whom are living, Florence Smith and Walter Raymond. They attend the First Congregational Church. Fishing is his favorite outdoor sport. He served seven years as a member of the Governor's Foot Guard. His present residence and address is 323 Main Streeet, West Haven.

THOMAS HENRY POWELL

Born in Pickering, province of Ontario, Can., there attained an education, later supplemented by a business course in Belleville, Ont., and a course in the Ontario College of Pharmacy. He also graduated from the University of Toronto. Noble Powell has made a specialty of chemistry, and received a distinctive diploma in that branch. He is an ex-member of the American Chemical Society, New York Branch; of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; the American Electro-Chemical Society, and has been in the drug business for nearly a quarter of a century. In Masonry, he is enrolled in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; Butler Chapter No. 38, Royal Arch Masons, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. Through the medium of the latter, he was admitted to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in 1906, his membership in that illustrious body being 1956. With the Odd Fellows he is, too, affiliated in Butler Lodge No. 97, Colfax Encampment No. 31, in South Norwalk, being a past chief patriarch. His parents were Henry and Rachel Woodruff Powell. He was married in South Norwalk, November 9, 1898, to Edith Hunt of that city, daughter of David F. and Mary Jane Nelson Hunt. Their two sons are: Nelson Woodruff, and Henry Floyd. Noble Powell's religious adherence is Methodist, and his parents were of Quaker affiliation. His favorite pastime is walking, and in reading he prefers science. He resides in South Norwalk, at 53 South Main Street, and his drug store is also in South Norwalk, at 82 Washington Street.

R. P. Henderson

R. A. Deere

Edward T. Buckingham

Walter A. Mains

Thos. H. Powell

WILLIAM F. DOBBS

Made a noble of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, his membership therein being 1653; is affiliated with Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Danbury Lodge of Elks; of the Royal Arcanum, and Danbury Club. Noble Dobbs was born in Danbury, Conn., January 29, 1861. His father was Frederick Dobbs of Danbury, and his mother is Sarah R. Bennett Dobbs of same nativity. He received an education in the public schools of his native city. On April 19, 1882, he was married to Katherine M. Eames, formerly of Danbury. Their three children are: Frederick E., born January 27, 1883; Edward H., May 27, 1888, and Mabel R., June 18, 1892. Noble Dobbs is a Methodist. He resides at 54 Maple Avenue, Danbury. His business address is 288 Main Street, Danbury, and he has been connected with the Danbury News since 1876, being its general advertising agent.

EDMUND E. CROWE

A 32° Mason, and for the past twelve years, from 1889, postmaster of South Norwalk, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1896, with enrollment 1196. His Masonic quailfications were received in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; Butler Chapter No. 38, R. A. M.; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M.; Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in which he is a past recorder; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is also an Elk, in Lodge No. 709, Norwalk, and a member of the South Norwalk and Norwalk Country Clubs. His political beliefs are Republican. From 1884 to the time of entering upon the duties of his present office, that of postmaster, he was engaged in newspaper work, owning and editing several publications. Noble Crowe is a native of South Norwalk, Conn., the date of his birth being May 22, 1863, and it was there he received an education, graduating from the high school. His father was James C. Crowe of South Norwalk, and his mother is Mary A. Smith Crowe. He resides in South Norwalk, and his business address is the South Norwalk postoffice.

SYDNEY CARSWELL ELLIOT

A 32° Mason of Seymour, was born in Dalbeattie, Scotland, August 16, 1885, and was educated in the public schools of Ansonia, to which he added a Scranton Correspondence Course in mechanics. His parents are John and Ellen Carswell Elliot, both of Scottish origin, and both Congregationalists.

He is Masonically affiliated with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., in which he is conductor; New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, P. of J.; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. Subsequently, in May, 1910, he was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment therein being 2311. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club in New Haven, and a Knight of Pythias in Valley Lodge No. 14, in Derby. In 1906 he entered the field of mechanics, in which he is now engaged; from 1900, having been a clerk in the Corset Wire Mills of the R. N. Bassett Company, at Derby.

He enjoys all outdoor sports as pastimes, and resides in Seymour, at 11 Culver Street.

HERMAN P. HESSLER, M. D.

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and therein ennobled on June 6, 1907, with enrollment 2062, is allied with Masonry in Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and with the several bodies of the Scottish Rite in New Haven, his consistorial degree having been conferred by Lafayette, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, and in clubdom is connected with the Knights Templar and Union League Clubs, also with the New Haven Grays, whom he has served three years, and as assistant paymaster on the staff of the Naval Militia. He is, too, a member of the Elks Club of New Haven, and of Elks Lodge No. 25, in New Haven. In politics, he is an Independent, and in 1908 was appointed city physician. From 1910 he has been surgeon on the Fire Board of New Haven. After graduating from Yale Medical College in 1903, he spent a year in the study of conditions in the hospitals of Berlin and Vienna, taking up the practice of his profession in New Haven, in 1907. Noble Hessler was born in New Haven, Conn., November 23, 1879, and received the elementary part of his education in public and private schools of his native city, graduating from high school in 1899. His parents are Michael and Emma Brandes Hessler, both of German birth. On September 11, 1907, his marriage to Gertrude E. Grave of New Haven was celebrated in that city. He is an adherent of the Lutheran faith. Dr. Hessler's office is 325 George Street, New Haven, and his residence, at No. 323, same street.

GEORGE R. HEMPSTEAD

Of Groton, was born in Groton, Conn., May 27, 1862, having been the son of William Frank and Weltha Dart Hempstead, the former, native of Stonington, and the latter, of Groton. He was married August 5, 1886, to Miss Mary Hazler of Preston. They have one son, George Harold.

In his society attachments he combines Freemasonry, Odd Fellowship, Knights of the Golden Eagles, and the Mystic Shrine. He is a 32° Mason, his home lodge being Union No. 31, A. F. & A. M; his chapter, Union No 7, R. A. M.; his council of Royal and Select Masters, Cushing No. 4, and his commandery, Palestine No. 6, K. T. He has received all of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, in the Norwich bodies, and he became a Noble of the Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on November 27, 1905, his membership in that body being numbered 1882. Of the I. O. O. F., his lodge is Fairview No. 101, of Groton, and he is a K. of the G. E., in No. 14, New Haven. He belongs to the Eastern Casualty Company of Boston, and to the Loyal Protection Association of Boston; also to the Fire Chief Club of Connecticut; Fidelity Chapter No. 54, O. E. S., New London, and Jessamine Court No. 6, likewise in New London.

He is also on the Board of Burgesses, having occupied that position for the past four years. He conducts his own plumbing and hardware business in Groton, having begun same in 1893. Prior to that, he was six years engaged in the artesian well business, and from 1862, twenty-five years of his working life were spent as a farmer. His business address is 92 Thames Street, Groton, and his home is at 24 Pleasant Street, same town.

JOHN C. DOWNS, D. D. S.

Born in Danbury, Conn., July 13, 1865, received an education in the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school in 1882.

He was admitted to the rank of nobility in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 25, 1891, with membership 730. His Masonic affiliations are with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He is also a member of Danbury Lodge No. 120, of the Elks, and of the Danbury Club.

William F. Dobbs.

Edmund E. Crowe

Chas. D. Davis

Sydney P. Elliot.

Herman P. Hessler

WILLIAM G. NEWTON

A 32° Mason of New Haven, and superintendent for the Peck Brothers & Company, manufacturers of plumbers' supplies, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1901, with membership No. 1479. His Masonic qualifications were gained in Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He received his Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of Quinnipiac Lodge No. 1, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Noble Newton is the son of William and Lois S. Newton, the former being a native of Cornwall, and the latter of Sharon. He was born in Kent, Conn., February 15, 1867, and removing to East Haven, was educated in the public schools of that town, and subsequently in New Haven received his technical training in draughting, engineering and hydraulics. In 1894 he was married in East Haven, to Jessie S. Nickerson of that town. Their children are Lois A., W. Irving, and Ralph Hudson. Noble Newton is of the Methodist faith, as are his parents, and at the present time he is a trustee of the East Pearl Street Methodist Episcopal Church of New Haven, having been chairman of its board of trustees for the past nine years. His favorite sports are boating and fishing. He resides at 105 Exchange Street, New Haven, and for the past thirty years has been employed by his company, their location being at 127 Chestnut Street, New Haven.

THOMAS W. HINTON

Received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1905, with membership number 1805, has Masonic affiliations with St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., of New Milford; Ousatonic Chapter No. 33, Royal Arch Masons of New Milford; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters of Danbury, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., of Danbury, in which he is senior warden. He is also a member of the Wooster Club. Noble Hinton was born in Willenhall, Eng., receiving an education at Shoal Hill College, Cannock, Eng. His father was John Hinton of Willenhall, and Martha Price Hinton of Bilston, Eng., is his mother. He was married on Christmas Day, 1890, to Melissa N. Hoyt of Danbury, daughter of Alanson A. and Melissa Hoyt. They have one son, John H., born October 17, 1891, and are Congregationalists. His favorite pastimes are hunting, fishing, and bird study. He has been in the printing and publishing business since 1890 as superintendent of The Danbury Medical Printing Company. He is also superintendent of The Vass Chemical Company, and of The Valley Chemical Company. His business address is 37-39 Foster Street, Danbury, and he resides at 35 Wooster Street, Danbury.

PHILIP L. HOLZER

Potentate of Pyramid Temple, 1912, is in the banking and insurance business, as a member of the firm of James Staples & Company of Bridgeport. Illustrious Potentate Holzer was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on February 20, 1854, and there received his education. On October 2, 1878, he was married to Sarah M. Smith. His Masonic affiliations are with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., being treasurer of his lodge, which office he has filled for many years; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in which he is a past master; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a director of the Masonic Temple Association, and was received into the membership of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 9, 1895, his enrollment number being 1098; and was elected potentate of that body, on December 11, 1911. Illustrious Potentate Holzer is a prominent business man in his city and State, being president of the Connecticut Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents, and director in several organizations; also member of the Brooklawn Country Club; of the Algonquin Club, and member and ex-president of the Sea Side Club. In politics a Republican, he has taken an active interest in the legislation of his city, having represented his district in 1909 in the State Senate of Connecticut, and at various times having held political offices in Bridgeport, his home city.

JOHN J. MACAULEY

A 32° Mason of Waterbury was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 26, 1892, with membership 851. His Masonic qualifications were received in Harmony Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M., from which he received his cryptic degrees, and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., which conferred on him the templar orders. He is also a member of the New Haven Scottish Rite bodies, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. His political faith is in the principles of Republicanism. He served his city as alderman, 1904-05. Noble Macauley has devoted the whole of his business life to building and construction enterprises, but on May 1, 1911, he retired from that line of activity. He was born in Monroe, Conn., March 19, 1849, and was educated in that town and in New York. His parents were both of Scottish origin: Simon and Fannie Wilson Macauley. He was reared in the Congregational faith, but has since adopted the Episcopalian faith and adheres to its doctrines. On April 31, 1885, he was married to Harriet Post of Waterbury. They reside in suburban Waterbury, at Newton Terrace, on Bunker Hill Road, and their three children are: Mildred R., Irving P., and Gladys P. He is a member of the Abagadasset Club of Waterbury; is fond of hunting and fishing, and holds a business address at Newton Terrace, Bunker Hill Road.

ALBERT WILLIAM PHILLIPS, M. D.

Homeopathic physician in Derby, and one of the earlier members of Pyramid Temple, his enrollment being numbered 97, entered the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on January 29, 1885. He has been engaged in the general practice of his profession from 1861, and was born in Marcellus, N. Y., on July 6, 1838, the son of George and Betsey Cleg Phillips, both of English birth. His marriage to Nancy P. Owen of Syracuse, N. Y., was celebrated in that city, on October 16, 1862. They have one daughter, Mrs. Ellen Pauline Bradley, and are of the Episcopal faith, as were his parents.

His Masonic bodies are King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3, in which he is king, and master of one of the veils; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is, too, a member of the Odd Fellows in Housatonic Lodge No. 6, in Derby, and a past commander of the G. A. R., in Kellogg Post No. 26 in Derby. Of the Business Men's Association he is a member, and ex-mayor of the city of Derby; was senator of the 17th District 1908-10, and for nine years burgess of the borough of Birmingham. He is a member of New York Commandery; of the Military Order, Loyal Legion; ex-president of the Homeopathic State Society, also of the New Haven Clinical Society, and ex-surgeon-general of the Connecticut National Guard.

His favorite sport is fishing, and in reading he prefers the historical and scientific. His office and residence are both in Derby, at 322 Caroline Street.

Wm. G. Newton

Thos. W. Hinton

Philip L. Holzer

John J. Macauley

A. W. Phillips

CHARLES E. GRIFFING

Entered Pyramid Temple on January 23, 1888, holding membership 298. His Masonic affiliations are with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. Noble Griffing was born in Danbury, Conn., January 24, 1847, the son of Martin H. Griffing of Richmond, Mass., and Marietta H. Hoyt Griffing of Danbury, both having been members of the Church of Christ, Episcopal denomination. He received an education in the public schools of his native city, and was married in Brookfield, May 6, 1871, to Martha R. Northrop, daughter of Andrew and Catherine Norris Northrop. They have one son, Andrew M., born June 10, 1872. Noble Griffing is fond of hunting, fishing and autoing. He is president of the New England Lime Company, organized in 1902, and during the twelve years prior to that, from 1890, he conducted a lime-manufacturing business of which he was proprietor. He resides at 136 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury.

CHAUNCEY LAWRENCE WEDMORE

Admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on May 13, 1909, with enrollment 2251, is affiliated as a Mason, with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of Hammonassett Tribe No. 1, of the Improved Order of Red Men. For the past fifteen years he has been in the oyster business in New Haven. Noble Wedmore was born in New Haven, Conn., March 8, 1880, and his parents are Charles K. and Katherine McNiel Wedmore, the former native of Fair Haven, and the latter of Nova Scotia, Can. He was married on April 30, 1908, in New Haven, to Eleanora Allen of that city. They are Methodists, and his upbringing was in that faith. Their home is at 44 Howard Avenue, New Haven.

BENJAMIN H. LEE

Entered Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and was therein ennobled on May 9, 1895, his membership number being 1089. Besides his attachment to the Shrine, he is Masonically connected with the following bodies: Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M., which he served as master; Union R. A. Chapter No. 6; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., being thrice illustrious master, and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., in which he is a past commander. He has, likewise, received all of the A. A. S. R. degrees, including the thirty-second, from Norwich Consistory, holding membership in that body. His political adherence is to Republican principles. He has served his city both as councilman and alderman and was State senator, 1895-97. He was commissioner to the Paris and Buffalo Expositions in 1900 and 1901. Noble Lee was born in New London, Conn., December 7, 1852, and there attained a public school education, graduating from high school in 1869. His father, Daniel Lee, was a native of Waterford, and his mother, Harriet (Hempstead) Lee, of New London. Noble Lee was married in New London, June 16, 1874, to Emma Mower, of New London. Their two children are Dr. Harry M. and Rowena M. He is interested in all outdoor sports, notably athletics. Since 1870 he has been engaged both in real estate transactions and the business of manufacturing. His residence is at 49 Howard Street, New London, Conn.

STEPHEN CASWELL TRAVIS

Is a returned frontier veteran now living in Stamford, after more than eighteen years of hard service, where Indians were exceedingly hostile. He went to the war when he was but twenty years of age, and his career as a soldier has been varied: fighting Cherokee Indians, for the most part in the field; now ordered still farther out on the frontier to Camp Supply, Indian Territory; again, to New Orleans to quell a disturbance; off to Scranton, Penn., to put down a miners' strike; returning to Montana to aid in suppressing an uprising of Sioux and Nes Perces Indians. Thus were spent more than four years. During the fourteen succeeding years, his military efforts were mainly directed against the Indians in Idaho, Montana, and what is now North and South Dakota. At last, having determined to return to civic life, he was deaf to an offer of promotion to the post of regimental sergeant-major, and, accordingly, took up his residence in Missoula, Montana, where he spent nine years, a place he had taken a liking to while serving as a soldier at Fort Missoula. Finally, deciding to return to his old stamping ground, he resolutely faced the East, and journeyed until he reached Stamford. He there accepted a position with the Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company, and has been with them ever since. He also took to himself, in 1907, a wife, Carrie May Nichols, whose mother was a Selleck and a remarkably sprightly matron of more than seventy years, and the mother of six children, all of whom are living. Her father, Edward Nichols, native of Connecticut, was born in 1836, and passed away in 1880. Noble Travis was born in Peekskill, N.Y., May 8, 1851. His father, Stephen Caswell Travis, Sr., of English descent, was born in Amsterdam, N. Y., and his mother, Caroline Matilda Travis, was a native of North Adams, Mass., and a descendant of the old Mohawk Dutch. His early schooling was received in the public and private schools of his native town; brothers and father enlisting in the War of '61, his mother moved to Troy, N. Y., where he continued his schooling, graduating from the high school there at sixteen. The four succeeding years were spent partly in serving time to become a printer. Not finding that occupation to his liking, he tried merchandise with his father, at Bay View, Wis., and one day, in the fall of 1871, while strolling through the streets of Milwaukee, he espied a United States flag with an advertisement on it: "Recruits Wanted." That settled it. It took less time for him to enlist than it does to tell it. Noble Travis was raised to the degree of Master Mason in the Rocky Mountains in 1880, in Missoula Lodge No. 13, A. F. & A. M., at a time when the territory in which he lived was so large, and the membership so small, that it was necessary to get a rig, and go and round them up, until enough were gotten together to open lodge in due form. Otherwise, they would have had to forfeit their charter. No higher branches of the fraternity being at that time in Montana, he waited until his arrival in Stamford, when he forthwith took the remainder of the York Rite degrees, and a little later made the acquaintance of the camel in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, that eventful day having been April 25, 1904. His card of membership in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., bears the number of his enrollment, 1763.

OTTO FRED GILBERT BOEKER

Past master of Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M.; also united with Masonry in Evening Star R. A. Chapter No. 47; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His Shrine affiliations are with Pyramid Temple, to which he was admitted on December 1, 1903, his enrollment therein being 1719. His club memberships include Knights Templar, Union League, and New Haven, Country Clubs, all of New Haven.

Noble Boeker was born in Seymour, Conn., December 7, 1872, receiving an education in the public schools of that town, and was married in Seymour, October 6, 1909, to Josephine O'Donnell, also of Seymour, where they now reside. He is the assistant secretary of The Seymour Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of German silver, phosphor bronze, and brass, in sheet, wire, rods, and tubing.

C. E. Griffing

Chas. Travis

Benj. H. Lee

Chauncey L Wedmore

O. F. G. Boeker

ALBERT L. JOHNSON

A 32° Mason of Ansonia, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1896, and enrolled therein 1204. He was brought to light in Masonry in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., and is a member of Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He received his Scottish Rite degrees in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Johnson was born in Ansonia, March 8, 1866, and there received an education. His parents were Edward A. and Almira Lanfair Johnson, the former native of Derby, and the latter, of New Haven. He is fond of all outdoor sports and of general reading. His business interests are allied with the Ferrel Foundry and Machine Company of Ansonia, being superintendent in their pattern department, which position he has filled for more than a quarter of a century, from 1884. He resides at 20 Lester Street, Ansonia.

LOUIS THEURER

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on January 24, 1887, with enrollment 219, holds Masonic membership in the York Rite bodies of Danbury, being past commander of his commandery; also with DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, and Washington Council, P. of J., in Bridgeport. In the Order of Odd Fellows, he bears allegiance to Samaritan Lodge No. 7, in Danbury, and is a member of the Social Club, Kohanza. Politically, and in principle he is Republican. Noble Theurer was born in New York, April 27, 1860, the son of Gottlieb and Christina Theurer, both having been of German birth, and Christian Scientists. He, too, has espoused that faith. His early education was received in the public schools of his native city, and in the Paine Business College of New York. He was married in Catskill, N. Y., June 18, 1883, to Emma E. Crum, daughter of George and Helen McFarland Crum of New York. Baseball and all outdoor sports afford him diversion, also biographical and historical reading. His first business experience of eight years as a hatter, began in 1877, when he was but seventeen, and the next four years prior to entering the postal service, were spent in the market business. For the past twenty-two years, from 1889, he has been in the postal service in Danbury, for one year as letter carrier, the following year becoming superintendent of carriers, and in 1902, assistant money-order clerk. He resides at 99 West Street, Danbury.

GEORGE M. BALDWIN

Of Bridgeport, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., February 1, 1854, receiving an education in the public and private schools of his home city. His father is Samuel W. Baldwin, and his mother was Mary W. Bussey, also natives of Bridgeport. He was married in 1878, to Clara Nichols of that city. His religious affiliations are Congregational, and he was brought up in that faith. In the capacity of a clerk he entered the hardware business of T. Hawley & Company, in 1871, and in 1880 became junior partner of that firm, where he retains his interest.

He is a 32° Mason, his affiliations being with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in which he served as commander during 1904; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J., being its senior warden; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. His connection with the Order of the Mystic Shrine followed on October 26, 1891, and the number of his enrollment in that body is 747. As a Shriner he passed through the chairs, and was elected potentate in 1905, but refused to accept the office on account of ill health. He is also an Elk in Lodge No. 36, of Bridgeport, and a member of the Algonquin and Brooklawn Country Clubs.

He was appointed a police commissioner of the city of Bridgeport, April, 1895, and served as such for nine and a half years, and six years of that time as president of the board. January 1, 1911, he was reappointed a police commissioner, and is now active in that department.

His business address is 549 Water Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 232 Courtland Street.

ROMEO WILLIAM MILLER

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on November 20, 1911, has Masonic connections with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of the Sea Side Club of Bridgeport; of the New York Traffic Club, New York; of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and director from Connecticut of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Noble Miller was born in Greenbush, Wis., February 2, 1861, and received a public school education, graduating from the high school of Sheboygan, Wis. His parents were Jacob L. and Mary A. Landis Miller, the former native of Lebanon County, and the latter of Bucks County, both in Pennsylvania. His business is that of traffic manager for the Crane Valve Company, located in Bridgeport, and he resides at 472 State Street, Bridgeport.

HAROLD HARRIS HAMILTON

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 20, 1911, was raised in Masonry in New York Lodge No. 330, A. F. & A. M., from which he dimitted to join Howard Lodge No. 35, A. F. & A. M., of New York City. He is, likewise, connected with Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and with the bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory, in which he became a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret. As a clubman, he is attached to the New York Athletic Club; the 24 Karat Club of New York; Jewelers' Club of Philadelphia, and the Brooklawn Country Club of Bridgeport. Noble Hamilton was born in New York City, May 6, 1864, the son of Rev. Davis Stuart and Josephine (Collins) Hamilton, the former having been born in Sackville, Nova Scotia, in 1825, and the latter in Kentville, Nova Scotia, December 11, 1826. He gained an education in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Philadelphia, Penn. Noble Hamilton is united in marriage with Winifred R. Adams of Concord, N. H., daughter of George H. and Mary (Higgins) Adams, the former of Manchester, N. H., and the latter of Ogdensburg, N. Y., both having been born in 1838. Two children have brightened their home: Stuart Adams, born in Concord, N. H., on April 17, 1893, who enters the U. S. Naval Academy as a midshipman in class of 1916, and Bethesda, born also in Concord, N. H., and on July 29, 1894. Noble Hamilton is an Episcopalian, as is his wife, his parents having been Episcopal, and Mrs. Hamilton's parents, Methodists. Politically he adheres to Republican principles. His first business experience was gained in Philadelphia, as a boy, in the law office of John G. Johnson, and later in the employ of William Wilson's Sons, silversmiths, also of Philadelphia. In 1886 he formed a connection with the William B. Durgin Company, silversmiths of Concord, where he remained for nineteen years until 1905, then becoming president of the Whiting Manufacturing Company, of 15 Maiden Lane, New York City, their factories being in Bridgeport, and has continuously since presided over the interests of that concern. His residence is located at 126 Elmwood Place, Bridgeport.

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Louis Theurer

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ARTHUR G. JESSUP

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 14, 1904, and enrolled therein 1818, is a 32° Mason, and affiliated with Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M.; Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M.; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M.; Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T.; the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is a member of Rippowam Lodge No. 24, I. O. O. F.; Excelsior Lodge No. 49 of the Knights of Pythias; Stamford Lodge No. 899 of the B. P. O. E.; Leeds Council No. 16, O. U. A. M., also of the Suburban Club of Stamford.

Noble Jessup was born in Stamford, Conn., August 19, 1866, and was there educated. His father was Charles H. Jessup, and his mother is Jane B. Merritt Jessup. He was married on March 20, 1888, to Laura E., daughter of William W. and Augusta V. Studwell. They have one daughter, Edith A., born in Stamford, January 14, 1889.

He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Stamford. Noble Jessup is a Republican, and served three terms as councilman. In 1886 he entered business for himself as proprietor of a blacksmith establishment, which is located at 212 Canal Street. His residence is No. 35 Weed Avenue, Stamford, Conn.

HENRY JOHN RICHARDS

Secretary of the New Haven Copper Company of Seymour, from 1906, and for twenty years, from 1886, in the employ of that company, entered the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, March 10, 1909, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, where he stands enrolled 2240. He is Masonically affiliated with Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M.; Evening Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club; of the Improved Order of Red Men, and is past sachem in Nonnawauk Tribe, No. 9, in Seymour. Noble Richards was born in Pittsburg, Penn., March 26, 1869, and attained an education in the public schools of Seymour and Derby, graduating from both grammar and high schools. His father was Philip Richards of Landore, Wales, and his mother is Hannah Davis Richards, of same nativity. He is fond of athletics and all outdoor sports, and of historical reading, music, and works on art. He resides in Seymour.

FRANK MILLER

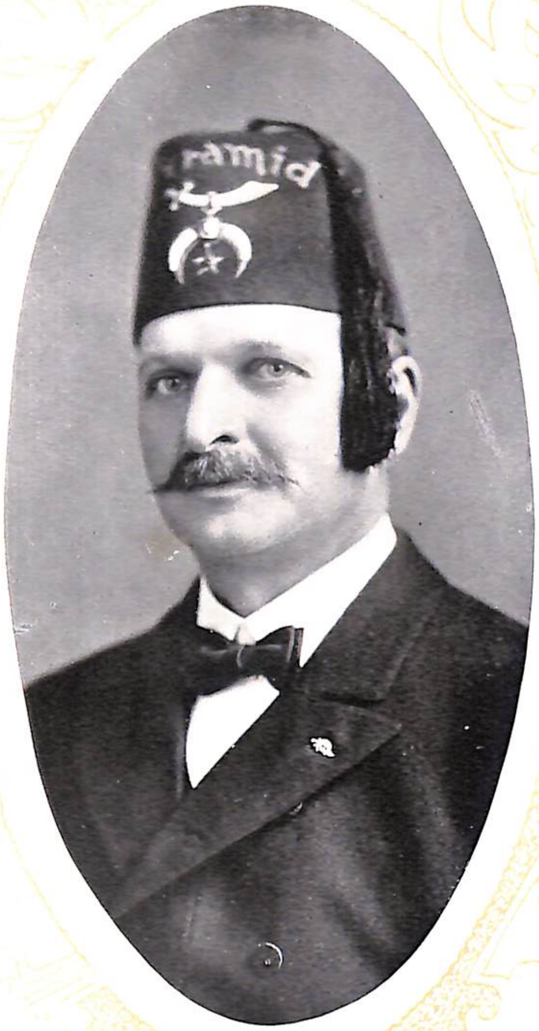
Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 18, 1893, with enrollment 882, is a 32° Mason, with attachments in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and with the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport He is also enrolled in the Algonquin and Brooklawn Country Clubs, and is one of the thirteen charter members of the Sea Side Club. In politics Noble Miller is an Independent. He is an ex-member of the Board of Apportionment, also of the Board of Education. Since 1889 he has been a director of the City National Bank of Bridgeport, in 1905 having been appointed to the presidency of that institution. He is the owner of the Frank Miller Lumber Company, and is interested to a large extent in the coal mining region of Cambria County in South Fork, Penn. Noble Miller was born in Middletown, Conn., August 3, 1848, and received an education in the public schools of that place, also taking a special course in the Chase Institute there. His parents were Stephen and Lucretia Fairchild Miller. He was married to Emily Louise Clinton of Waterbury, on November 25, 1869. Her demise occurred October 4, 1907. His second marriage, on November 5, 1908, in Bridgeport, was to Anne Drew Hallock of that city. He has had three children: Stephen, Benjamin and Nathan, the last-named having passed away. His religious affiliations are Episcopal. Noble Miller's maternal ancestors settled the town of Middletown, Conn. His business address is the City National Bank of Bridgeport.

FRANKLIN BONAPARTE SHUSTER

Former president and treasurer of the F. B. Shuster Company of New Haven passed away in that city on August 14, 1911. He was born in New Haven, Conn., May 10, 1866, the son of John and Ophelia Camp Shuster, both of whom are Episcopalians. He attended the public schools in New Haven, and there prepared for the Sheffield Scientific School. After learning the machinist trade with John Adt & Son, he became foreman in the machine and tool department of the New Haven Clock Company. Later, for about six years, he was with the Wilmot and Hobbs Manufacturing Company, now the American Tube and Stamping Works of Bridgeport, in charge of the machine and tool designing department. On the death of John Adt in 1895, Noble Shuster purchased the business, incorporating it in 1898, as the F. B. Shuster Company. He invented and patented numerous new machines and tools which are being shipped all over the world. The lamented noble leaves a widow, who was Miss Luella F. Tyrrill of New Haven. They were married in that city, November 17, 1886, and two children were born to them: Elmore F., and Corinne O. His church affiliations were Methodist. He was inducted into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, on May 17, 1909, with enrollment 2247, having previously attained his Masonic degrees up to and including the thirty-second. He was raised in Masonry, in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; held membership in the association of the United Workmen of America; the Quinnipiack Club; in the Chamber of Commerce, and in the National Association of Manufacturers. His business address was 133 Mill River Street, corner of State, and his bereaved family's home is at 194 View Street, New Haven.

FREDERICK WILLIAM BEHRENS, JR.

Born in Bremen, Ger., January 16, 1875, and educated in private schools of that city, is the son of Frederick W. and Helena Gartelman Behrens, also of Bremen. Leaving his native land in his youth and coming to the United States, he settled in Bridgeport, where he entered the beef and market business in the employ of Bommos and Biltz of that city, with whom he remained for ten years, 1890-1900. He is now in the market business for himself. Noble Behrens is a Republican, and is serving his city, as charity commissioner, being at the present time president of the board; is a member of the German-American Society, and the Concordia Society; of the Business Men's Association, also of the Wowompun Tribe of Red Men. He was elevated to the rank of noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 9, 1906, his Shrine enrollment number being 1945. He, likewise, holds Masonic membership in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Behrens is married, his wife having been Margaret M. Hartman, daughter of Charles and Susanna Hartman of Bridgeport, their marriage having occurred in Bridgeport, June 9, 1903. They have three children: Anna S., Frederick William Charles, and Margaret H. They are attendants at the German Reformed Church. He is a devoted follower of baseball, and is very fond of autoing. He reads with interest along historical and scientific lines. His home is at 556 William Street, Bridgeport, and his business, also in Bridgeport, is located at 162 Fairfield Avenue.



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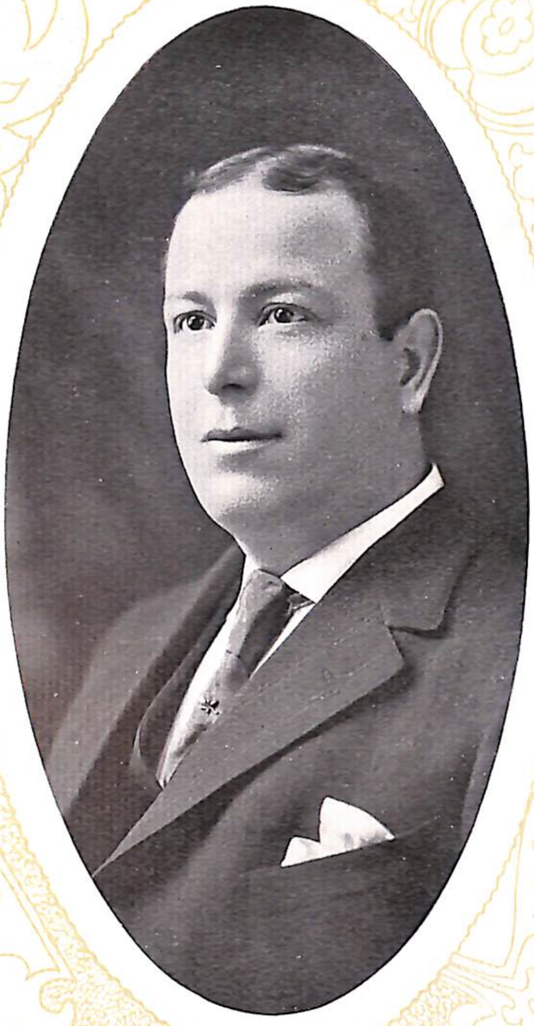

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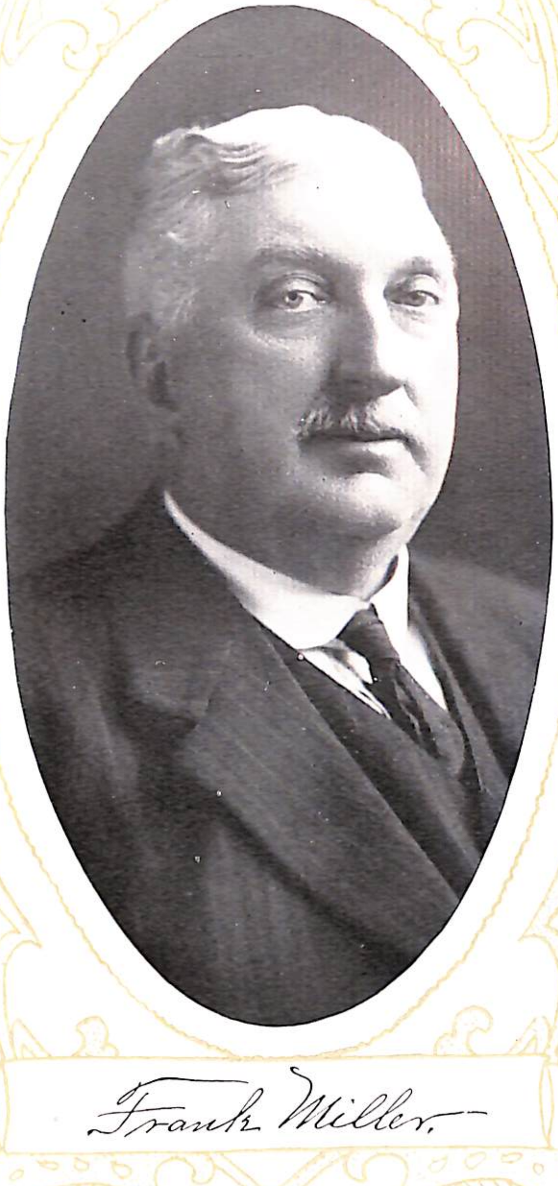

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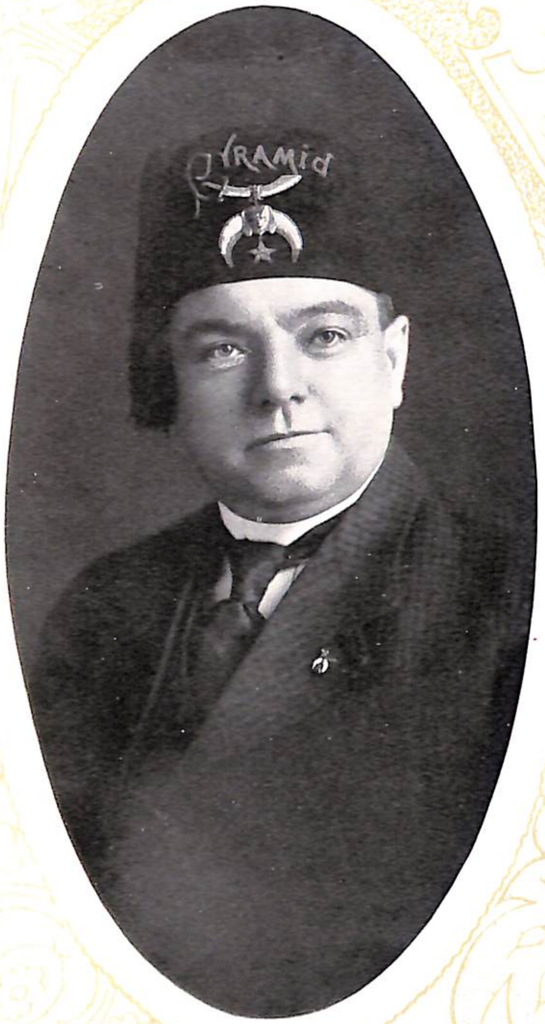

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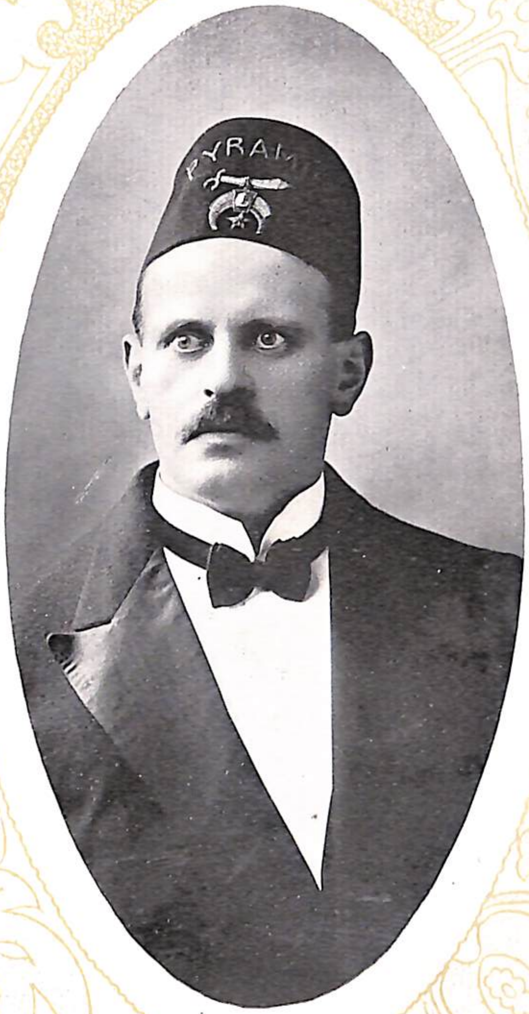

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CLIFFORD A. PERKINS

Senior deacon in Eureka Lodge No. 83, A. F. & A. M., is a 32° Mason, and also Masonically affiliated with Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., and the several Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, up to and including Lafayette Consistory. Thus eligible through his Masonic qualification, he entered the Order of the Mystic Shrine, becoming a noble in the Pyramid Temple body on April 9, 1906, his enrollment being numbered 1951. He is also a Knight of Pythias, serving as prelate in Putnam Lodge No. 36, in Bethel.

Noble Perkins was born in Peekskill, N. Y., on April 17, 1883, and received an education in the public schools of his native town, and those of Bethel, the home of his adoption, to which was added a course in the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Penn. His parents are Francis E. and Mary Allison Perkins, the former native of Danbury, and the latter, of Peekskill. He is an attendant at the Congregational Church. Baseball, basketball and autoing are his favorite diversions, and he enjoys reading Masonic works. His home is in Bethel, at 25 Hickok Avenue.

SAMUEL LYNES

Member of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was admitted to that illustrious body on April 29, 1898, with enrollment 1282, and has Masonic connections embracing the following bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., which he has served as treasurer for the past eleven years; Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., where he is past treasurer; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M.; Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in which he is also past treasurer; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. His Odd Fellow affiliation is with Our Brothers Lodge; his K. of P., in Ludlow Lodge of Norwalk; Red Men, Cockene Lodge; Elks, No. 709, Norwalk, and Daughters of Rebekah, Eureka Lodge. He is also a member of the Norwalk Club, Norwalk Yacht Club, Connecticut Automobile Association, and National Geographic Society of Washington D. C., as well as of the Norwalk Historical Society, and Peary Arctic Club of New York. He is, too, a director in the Central National Bank. Since 1903 he has been a member of the coal dealing firm of Bishop and Lynes of 33 Water Street, Norwalk, for the ten previous years having been in the real estate and insurance business in Norwalk. Politically a Republican, he was selectman from 1897 to 1904, and is now serving as water commissioner, having entered upon the duties of that office in 1904. Noble Lynes was born in Norwalk, April 13, 1865. His parents were Samuel and Emily A. Sherry Lynes. He received an education in the public schools of his native town, which was followed by a course in the Johnston Latin School. Baseball, yachting, autoing, and golf are much enjoyed by him. He resides at 38 West Avenue, Norwalk.

CHRISTIAN SWARTZ

Was welcomed in Pyramid Temple, January 23, 1888, his being the 289th enrollment in that body of nobles of the A. A. O. N. M. S. He had previously knocked at the door of Masonry in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., and was therein entered, passed, and raised; was advanced and exalted in Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38; is enrolled in Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and was elected eminent commander of Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in which he was knighted. He was right eminent commander of the State, in 1892, and has taken all of the Scottish Rite degrees in the Bridgeport bodies, and his thirty-second degree from Lafayette Consistory, of which he is a member. He also fraternizes with the Odd Fellows, in Butler Lodge, in South Norwalk. He is fond of outdoor life, and holds membership in the Norwalk, South Norwalk, and Norwalk Country Clubs.

His political views are Democratic and he has held numerous and responsible positions of public trust, among them those of mayor of South Norwalk, in 1880-82; sheriff of Fairfield County, 1884-87; shell fish commissioner, 1893-09, and water commissioner, 1900 to the present time. He is also president of the town Board of Estimate and Taxation; charter and life member of the South Norwalk Free Public Library and Reading Room, and was one of those who assisted in getting that institution on a permanent basis. At the organization of the City National Bank during 1882, he was chosen one of the active and progressive managing Board of Directors. He is, too, president of the Norwalk Hospital Association, and a director in the Norwalk Lock Company. Noble Swartz is one of the remaining Civil War Veterans who served until the close of the war. He is actively interested in the cigar business, having been engaged in that line of manufacture for the past forty-three years, since 1868.

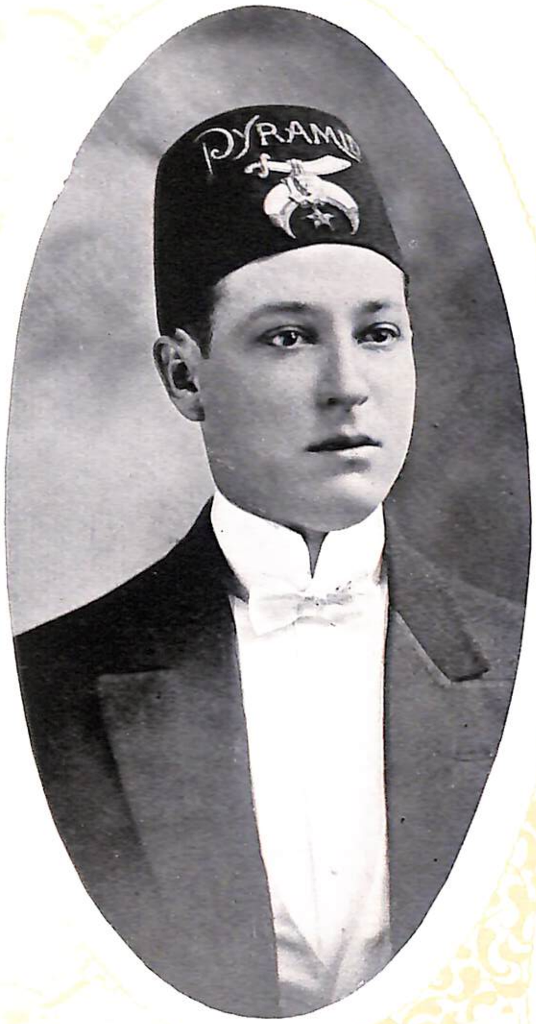
Germany was his birthplace, June 15, 1845. He, however, received his schooling in this country in Newark, N. J., later attending Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was married in South Norwalk, February 4, 1875, to Adora M. Flynn of that city. They have two children: Charles C. and Helen M.; are Congregationalists, and their home is at 68 West Avenue, South Norwalk, his business location being 83 Washington Street, South Norwalk.

OTTO LEHMANN

Enrolled as 1607 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, has Masonic affiliations with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is a member of the Elks, the Park City Yacht, and the Miomoque Yacht Clubs. He has been the proprietor of the Lehmann Shore House since 1892. Noble Lehmann was born in Bischofswerda, Ger., and was there educated. His father was Adolph Lehmann, and his mother is Sophie Lehmann. He was married in Springfield, Mass., September 10, 1889, to A. Barbara Lammerhirt of Germany. Noble and Mrs. Lehmann have two children: Sophie Elizabeth, born August 10, 1890, and Margaret Anna, July 10, 1893. They are of the Lutheran faith. His favorite pastime is fishing, and he resides at 197 Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport.

HUGH F. LANE

Has been a conductor on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for the past eleven years. He was born November 19, 1872, and in 1887, began railroading. His early days were spent in Western Massachusetts. His parents were Clark P. and Sarah Goodsell Lane both having been natives of Kent, Conn. His marriage to Sadie D. Carbrey, daughter of Charles H. Carbrey, native of Manchester, Eng., and Jennie Morrow Carbrey, native of Danbury, was celebrated in Bethel, November 19, 1895. Both Noble and Mrs. Lane are members of the Episcopal Church, and are also members of the Orient Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, and of Morris Court No. 4, Order of Amaranth. He was inducted into the nobility of Pyramid Temple on November 23, 1908, his membership number being 2229. His previous Masonic affililations include membership in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors, and is an Independent in politics. He resides in Bridgeport, at No. 630 Noble Avenue.



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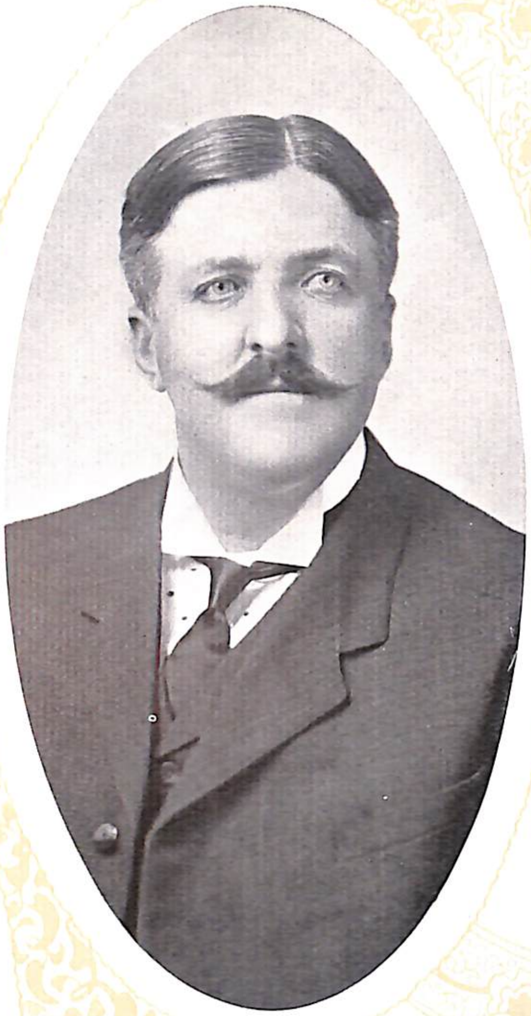

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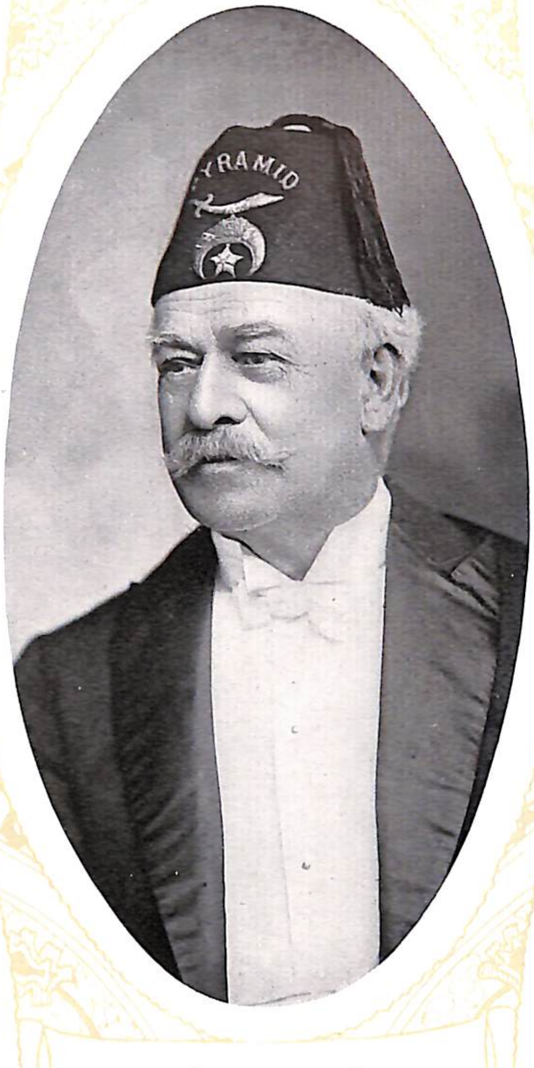

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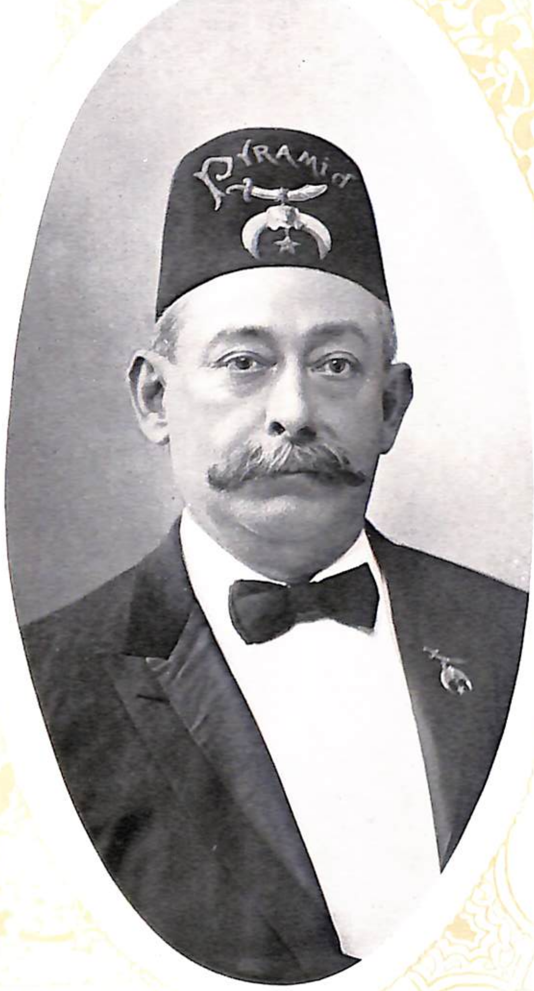

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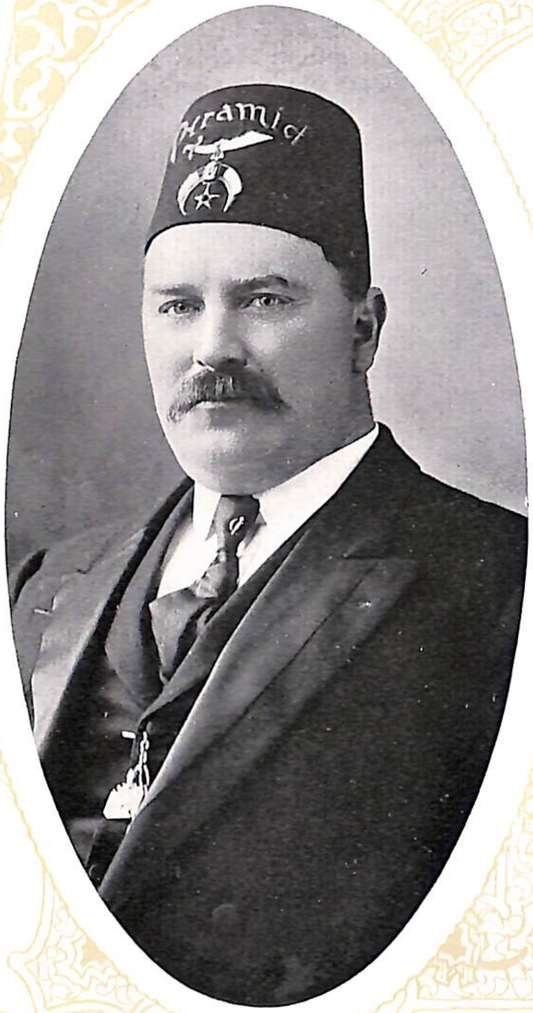

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EDGAR S. DOWE

Harbor commissioner, harbor master, harbor inspector, ex-councilman, and alderman of New Haven 1897-1900, was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 14, 1904, with membership No. 1825. His York Rite degrees came from Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has also received all of the A. A. S. R. degrees, and his thirty-second from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, of the New Haven Masonic Club, also of the New England Order of Protection. Noble Dowe was born on Roanoke Island, Dare County, N. C., December 12, 1858, and received an education in private schools of his native State. His parents were Walter T. and Margaret Meekins Dowe. Edith A. Church, of East Haven, became his wife in New Britain, on June 29, 1881. They are members of the East Haven Congregational Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and baseball; is very fond of reading, and has a fine library embracing miscellaneous literature. He resides at 178 Sherman Avenue, New Haven.

GEORGE WALTER MORGAN

Since 1902 junior member of the meat and grocery firm of C. L. Morgan & Son, entered that business in 1896, in the capacity of a clerk.

Noble Morgan was born in Danbury, February 12, 1880, receiving an education in the public schools of his city. His father is Clarence L. Morgan of Danbury, senior member of his firm, and his mother was Jennie I. Chase Morgan, also native of Danbury He was married on October 30, 1906, to Emma A. Gobillot, of Sharon, daughter of Augustus and Julie Bonhotal Gobillot, both of French birth and ancestry. They have two children, Virginia Chase, born September 8, 1908, and Ruth Bonhotal, born February 28, 1911. He is a member of the Church of Christ in Danbury.

On June 6, 1907, he crossed the burning sands and entered Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his membership in that illustrious body being 2069, having previously been qualified in the following Masonic bodies: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. His business location is 224 White Street, Danbury, and he resides at 41 Locust Street, same city.

JOHN H. LIGHT

John H. Light was born in Carmel, N. Y., March 27, 1855, the son of Belden and Ann (Keenan) Light; graduated from Chamberlain Institute, Randolph, N. Y., with honors, 1880; read law in the office of Levi Warner, Norwalk, Conn.; was admitted to the bar in 1883, beginning practice at South Norwalk; was corporation counsel of the City of South Norwalk, 1884-1908; prosecuting attorney for Fairfield County, 1896-1900; judge of the Criminal Court of Common Pleas for Fairfield County, 1900-1905; member of Connecticut House of Representatives, 1899-1901; speaker of the House of Representatives in 1901; treasurer of Fairfield County, 1899-1906; attorney-general of the State of Connecticut, 1911-1915; is a Republican in politics, a director of the City National Bank, and of the South Norwalk Savings Bank; was a member of the local school board for twenty-five years; is president of the Public Library, and owns one of the finest private libraries in the State of Connecticut. He is a well-known orator, lecturer and Shakespearean scholar. He was created a noble of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 3, 1898, with membership 592, having been Masonically affiliated with Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He is a past noble grand in Butler Lodge No. 97, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the South Norwalk Club.

DEXTER LEETE BISHOP

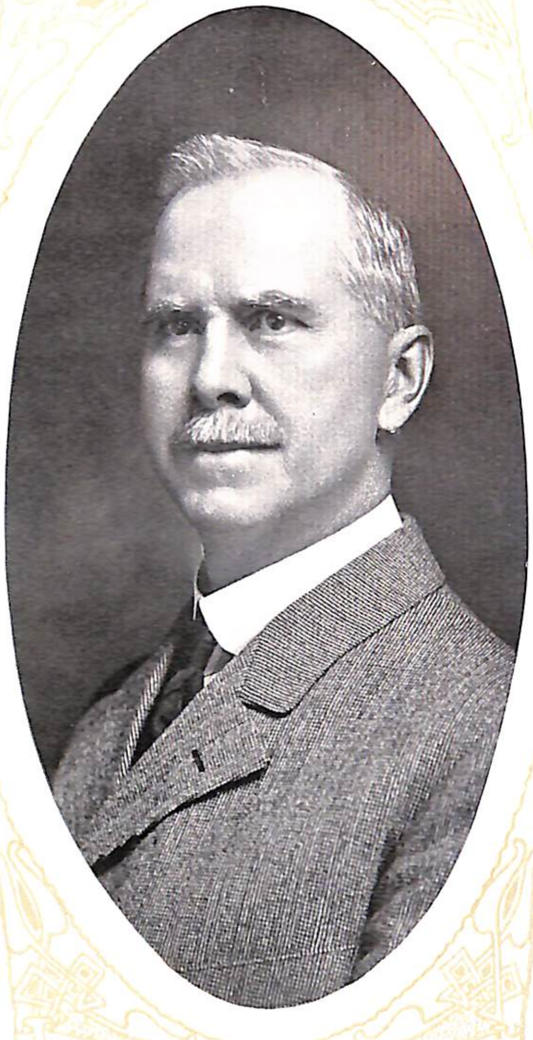
Secretary and treasurer of The Dexter L. Bishop Company, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 1, 1903, where he stands enrolled No. 1728. He is a 32° Mason, and holds membership in Centre Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T.; New Haven Lodge of Perfection; New Haven Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. His club memberships are with the Home, Colonial, and Highland Country Clubs. He is a stanch Republican, and served as alderman in 1900 and 1901. In 1895 he purchased a partner's interest in the ice business conducted by Foster Brothers, and did business under the name of the Foster Lake Ice Company. In 1898 he purchased the entire business, and incorporated same under the name of The Dexter L. Bishop Company, dealers in ice and domestic lumber, wholesale and retail. Noble Bishop is also actively interested in various associations; was president of the Meriden Business Men's Association, of the State Business Men's Association, and the Connecticut Ice Dealers' Association, is at present a director of the Natural Ice Association of America; holds membership in the Massachusetts Ice Dealers' Association, the Eastern Ice Association, and the Empire State Ice Dealers' Association. He is a member of the Center Congregational Church of Meriden, and represents that church on the Board of Trustees of the Meriden Young Women's Christian Association. Noble Bishop is the son of Walter Goodrich and Nancy Maria Leete-Bishop. He was born in the town of Orange, New Haven, Conn., on August 8, 1865, and graduated from the Guilford Academy. Noble Bishop is a member of old colonial families, his father having descended from Deputy Governor James Bishop, and his mother from Governor William Leete, the first governor of the Connecticut Colonies. He has been twice married: On November 4, 1892, to Esther Cornelia Johnson, daughter of Chauncy G. and Lucy M. Lee-Johnson of Meriden, who died in 1903. In 1908 he married for his second wife, May Bauman of New Haven, daughter of John and Caroline E. Wells-Bauman. His children are: Ethel Johnson, born May 10, 1893, Wilfred Merriman, October 19, 1897, and Welles Leste, August 28, 1909.

WILLIAM H. MORRISON

No. 1990 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to the nobility of that illustrious body on December 18, 1906, having qualified as a Mason, in King Solomon Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., in Woodbury; Cyrus R. A. Chapter No. 45; Buell Council No. 20, of Royal and Select Masters, in Litchfield; Clark Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, and in the four bodies of the Scottish Rite, three in Waterbury, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also affiliated with the Odd Fellows in Ridgely Lodge, with the Knights of Pythias, in Harmony Lodge No. 27, both in Torrington, and holds membership in the Torrington and Torrington Wheel Clubs. Noble Morrison was born in Thompsonville, Conn., November 9, 1865, receiving an education in the public schools of Woodbury, and the Parker Academy. His father was William T. Morrison, native of New York State, and his mother is Mary J. Hood Morrison of Thompsonville. His wife, to whom he was married on June 18, 1892, was Ina M. Burton of Woodbury. They have two children, Burton H., born March 25, 1895, and Frank T., May 19, 1897. Noble Morrison adheres to the Congregational faith. Baseball and football are his preference of sports, and in reading, mechanical works. Since 1885 he has been conducting his own plumbing, steam and gas-fitting business, and connected therewith a hardware store, located at 63 Water Street, Torrington. His home is 127 Main Street, Torrington.

S. S. Dowd

G. Walter Morgan



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J. A. ROSELLE

A 32° Mason of South Norwalk, received his first Masonic degrees in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Butler Royal Arch Chapter No. 38; is a member of Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and was knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He is also a member of the following Scottish Rite bodies: Lafayette Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, and on May 5, 1903, he was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with membership 1640. He is also a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and of the Order of Railroad Conductors. His business is that of conductor on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, having been connected with that company since March 16, 1895. Prior to that, for ten years, he conducted a lunch business.

Noble Roselle was born in South Dover, N. Y., January 22, 1876, and was educated in the Dover Plains Military Academy. His father was Charles P. Roselle, and his mother, Emma M. Wilcox Roselle, is by birth a New Yorker. He was married May 9, 1895, to Catherine A. Schoen of Danbury, daughter of George Schoen, native of Brooklyn, N. Y. Their two children, Ethel M., and Charles P., were born, respectively, on December 23, 1900, and October 7, 1905.

Their residence is at 3 Hamilton Avenue, South Norwalk.

WILLIAM M. QUESTED

A 32° Mason of Meriden, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in September, 1894, with membership 859. He was previously Masonically affiliated with Center Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 1, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the New Haven bodies of the A. A. S. R., and of Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. With the Odd Fellows in Meriden Center Lodge No. 68, he is attached, being a past grand in his lodge and high priest in his encampment, in which he is also a patriarch militant, having been through all the chairs. Noble Quested's influence is felt in local political circles, and he served his city as fire commissioner, 1904-10. He was born in Meriden, June 24, 1860, and there received an education, later graduating from Jennings Seminary, in Aurora, Ill. His father, William Quested, was an Englishman, and his mother is Mary E. Merrifield Quested, a native of Albany, N. Y. His wife, to whom he was married on December 6 1892, was Althea M. Cooke, daughter of Reuben T. and Eleanora Miller Cooke of Meriden. By religious affiliation, Noble Quested is a Congregationalist, and was brought up in that faith. He began his business life in 1879 with the Western Union Telegraph Company, continuing in that employ until 1880, when he accepted a position with the Wilcox Silver Plate Company of Meriden, then with the Meriden National Bank of Meriden, and in 1905 was appointed its cashier, which position he now fills. He resides at 485 East Main Street, same city.

WILLIAM SHERMAN RANDALL, M. D.

A Knight Templar of Shelton, was born in Brookfield, Conn., August 5, 1861, and since 1886 has been doing the work of a specialist in diseases of the nose, throat and ear. He is a graduate of Yale University, from which he received the degree of Ph. B. He is also a graduate of the Medical Department of Columbia University. He holds membership in the Bridgeport Medical Society; the Fairfield County Medical Association, of which he is an ex-president; the Connecticut Medical Society; the American Medical Association; the National Geographical Society, and the Yale Alumni Association of Fairfield County. He is consulting physician at the Bridgeport Hospital, attending otologist and laryngologist of the Griffin Hospital of Derby, and secretary of the Medical Board; is a member of the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade; represented the town of Huntington in the Legislature in 1893; has been health officer for the town of Huntington for the past eighteen years, and is a past director of Plumb Memorial Library of Shelton. Dr. Randall's father was Charles W. Randall of Bridgewater, and his mother is Elizabeth Ruggles Randall, native of Brookfield. His wife was Hattie L. Beers, native of Brookfield. Their two children are: Harold B. and Helen S. He adheres to the Episcopal faith, in which he was nurtured. His early education was received in the public schools of Huntington and Derby, graduating from the Derby high school in 1880. Noble Randall was received into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on January 30, 1896, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 1129. He was Masonically qualified in King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon's R. A. Chapter No. 3; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of Mohican Council, of the Royal Arcanum. His office and home are at 241 Coram Avenue, Shelton.

WILBURT H. MARSH

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1906, and therein enrolled No. 1905, has Masonic connections with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; with the Scottish Rite bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport, in which he was made a 32° Mason. He is also a member of the Masonic Club in New Haven. Born in Westfield, Mass., October 10, 1870, the son of Emerson D. and Mary F. Marsh, the former native of Westfield, and the latter of Lee, Mass. He attained an education in public and private schools of his home place. Fishing and baseball are his favorite modes of recreation. Noble Marsh is an ex-member of 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard; has served the New Haven Fire Department as a substitute fireman in Steam No. 10, having been so appointed March 3, 1899; was twelve years in the stationary engine business, and the past ten years has been in the employ of the Prudential Life Insurance Company at New Haven, beginning his service March 11, 1902. His residence is 136 Lombard Street, also in New Haven.

EDWIN B. HARRIS

Residing on Mountainville Avenue, Danbury, was born in Norwalk, Conn., September 13, 1837. His parents were Seely and Abigail Benedict Harris. Noble Harris received an education in the public schools of his home town, and on September 21, 1859, he was married to Mary E. Harvey, daughter of Henry S. and Abigail Ann Holman Harvey of Danbury. She has passed away, leaving two children: H. Frank, born February 21, 1861, and Anna A., August, 1862. For thirty or forty years he was a hatter, but twenty years ago retired from that field of labor to engage in farming. He confesses to a fondness for work, and has been both practical and successful in his chosen occupation. He is on the Board of Relief and a selectman; is also a grand juror and a justice of the peace. His religious belief is Baptist, his wife and parents also having been of that faith. On January 27, 1890, he crossed the burning sands and entered the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, and was therein enrolled 441. Prior to his Shrine affiliation, he was brought to light in Masonry in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; admitted to the ninth arch in Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and received the templar orders in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar.

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D. CLIFFORD HALL

Of Bridgeport, is a member of Pyramid Temple Band, and was born in Bridgeport, January 12, 1867. He graduated from the grammar schools of that city, and took a two years' course in the high school. His father was Ormel A. Hall of Trumbull, and his mother was Rebecca N. Hatch Hall. The marriage of Noble Hall to Grace P. Boughton, daughter of John A. and Imogene A. Weeks Boughton, was celebrated December 16, 1891. They have two children: Grace B. and Helen H.

Chief clerk of the Fire Commission, he has served in that position since 1902. Noble Hall became a member of Pyramid Temple, November 23, 1909. His Shrine number is 2227. His Masonic affiliations were previously made with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also associated with Arcanum Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and with No. 36, of the B. P. O. E. in Bridgeport.

Noble and Mrs. Hall are both members of the Episcopal Church. He is very fond of music, and enjoys hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports. His residence is 716 Laurel Avenue, and his business address, City Hall, Bridgeport, Fire Commission Department.

FRANK R. JOHNSON

A 32° Mason of New London, entered the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, and was therein enrolled 2100, having been previously qualified in Masonry, in Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M.; Union R. A. Chapter No. 7; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred in King Solomon Lodge of Perfection, and the Norwich A. A. S. R. bodies. He is also a member of the Sons of Veterans. Noble Johnson was born in New London, Conn., October 11, 1882, and was there educated. His father, Milton P. Johnson, of Plainfield, Conn., passed away June 18, 1904, and his mother, S. Abby Maynard Johnson, native of Waterford, also passed away, June 8, 1911. On July 29, 1909, he was married to Ruth Chappell of New London, and they reside in that city at 276 Montauk Avenue. Autoing is his favorite diversion. He is a manufacturer of confectionery, and proprietor and jobber, since 1904, having been previously associated in that trade with his father. He conducts his business at 211 Bank Street, New London.

HON. AMOS DICKERMAN

Made a Mystic Shriner in Pyramid Temple, on May 24, 1904, with enrollment 991, has Masonic degrees conferred by the following bodies: Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Dickerman is a Republican, and in 1911 was elected representative to the Senate, four years prior to that having served as alderman for Ward 13, and the past twenty-one years on the School Board. Noble Dickerman was born in Westville, Conn., May 3, 1847, and received a public school education in New Haven. His parents were Stephan and Lydia C. (Bucher) Dickerman, the former of Westville, and the latter of Woodbridge. He was married to Martha Hunt of Cheshire, on June 6, 1870, and they have three children: Eva Louise, Hubert Loomis and Mrs. Maud Ethel Mead. He is a Congregationalist, as were his parents. Autoing is his favorite outdoor diversion. He instituted the Volunteer Fire Department of Westville, and purchased for the department the combination automobile fire engine for the Westville School District. He is an inventor of various firearms, and for the past twenty-four years has been in the employ of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven, as assistant superintendent of the cartridge department. His residence is 270 Alden Avenue, Westville.

CAPTAIN HARRY K. LINES

Noble No. 1243, was initiated into the mysteries of Pyramid Temple, on December 9, 1897, his Masonic affiliations being with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., in which he was king; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., which he served as Rhode Island district manager, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., which he served as warden. All of the A. A. S. R. degrees have been conferred on him by the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He also holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce; Business Men's Association; Economic, Union League, and New Haven Yacht Clubs, a'l of New Haven; also the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport, and the New York Army and Navy Clubs. In 1904 he retired from active business life, but until that time was connected with Western Electric Company of New York, in the switchboard department. Prior to 1899, the year of his entering that position, he was employed by the Southern New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for five years, and was with the Central New England and Western Railroad Company, as solicitor and traveling agent, for another period antedating the former, and has also served as chief clerk to the general freight agent, for the old New Haven and Northampton Railroad. Noble Lines was born in New Haven, Conn., January 8, 1860, and was educated in public and private schools of his home city. He was the son of Augustus E. and Mary A. Kimberly Lines, the former of New Haven, and the latter of Guilford, Conn. He was married in Marietta, Ga., on June 7, 1882, to Clifford Hastings Cooke, daughter of Dr. Nathaniel M. Cooke of that city. Their one daughter, Louise Douglas, was born November 16, 1889. They are attendants at St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church. Capt. Lines enjoys fishing, hunting, golf and outdoor sports in general, also historical, political and scientific literature. He is a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, Mass., and of the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard of New Haven, being captain of Company D. He resides at 215 Whalley Avenue, New Haven.

JOHN T. DANN

Born in Danbury, Conn., June 16, 1868. His father was John T. Dann, Sr., native of New York, and his mother is Sarah Cole Dann of Danbury. He received an education in the public schools of Danbury, graduating from the high school. He was married in Croton Falls, N. Y., December 11, 1887, to Cecelia Light of Danbury, daughter of John H. and Emily Smalley Light, both natives of Putnam County, N. Y. They have two children, Maud and Jack T. In 1903 he established the Pyramid Garage Company, being its proprietor. He is also engaged in and still retains his livery business, established in the year 1889, dealing in horses, grain, harnesses, wagons, automobiles and all automobile sundries. Noble Dann crossed the burning sands of Pyramid Temple, on May 5, 1903, and his membership is numbered 1652. His Masonic affiliations are with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Danbury Club and Business Association. Noble Dann attends the Baptist Church, is fond of all outdoor sports, and resides at 18 Fairview Avenue, while his business address is 314 Main Street, Danbury.

D. Clifford Hall

Frank R. Johnson.

Amos Dickerman

Harry K. Lines.

John T. Dunn.

THEODORE WITHERWAX

Made a Mason in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., in New Haven; a Royal Arch Mason in Franklin Chapter No. 2; was received and greeted in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and created a knight in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Through the medium of the latter, on April 10, 1907, he, a weary son of the desert, was admitted to the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, and the order of the A. A. O. N. M. S. was exemplified on him, the blessings of Allah being bestowed as a reward for his perseverance and fidelity in overcoming all the dangers and perils that beset the journey. His temple membership is numbered 2049. He is also claimed by the Odd Fellows, and also claims them as brothers in Pequonnock Harbor Lodge No. 10, in Bridgeport. Noble Witherwax was born in Tivoli, N. Y., November 16, 1872, and received an education in the public schools of New York City. His parents were William and Matilda Lasher Witherwax, both natives of Tivoli, and both Methodists. He is fond of all outdoor sports as pastimes, and in reading his preference is good fiction. He has been a mariner practically all his life; in fact, he began going to sea when but a small lad. He is captain of the Steamer Nugatuck, and has been since 1900. His home is at 199 South Avenue, Bridgeport.

HARRY BURDETT DRURY

Enrolled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, as No. 2167, holds Masonic connections with Olive Branch Lodge No. 84, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., all in New Haven, except his blue lodge, in Westville. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the New Haven bodies, and he was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also fraternally connected with Myrtle Chapter No. 6, of the Order of the Eastern Star; Winthrop Castle No. 10, of the K. G. E.; Court Victoria No. 7, O. G. S., and is enrolled in the New Haven Motorboat Club. Born in Bath, N. H., June 10, 1871, he acquired an education in country schools. His parents are Charles Johnson and Almeda Samantha Drury. Yachting is his favorite recreation, and he delights in reading forest, stream and yacht magazines. His occupation is that of a boat builder and carpenter, and his business address is: Celluloid Starch Company, 108 Winchester Avenue, New Haven. He resides at 628 Quinnipiac Avenue, same city.

FRANK ELMER CONINE

York Rite Mason, of Stratford, entered the Mystic Shrine, December 18, 1906, via Pyramid Temple, where he is enrolled 2034. His Masonic affiliations are with: St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. By political conviction he is a Republican. Noble Conine was born in Newark, Wayne County, N. Y., his parents having been William Henry and Elizabeth Van Auken Conine. He began his legal practice in the town of his birth, in 1885, and was also married in that year, on completion of his college course, to Florence Taylor, in her home town, Phelps, N. Y. Making his home in Kansas City, Mo., he practiced his profession, that of attorney-at-law, there until 1895, when he removed to Stratford, where he now resides, and is engaged in the nursery business.

EDWARD L. GRAVES

Proprietor for twenty-eight years of a confectionery and ice cream business in Bridgeport, was born in Courtland, N. Y., December 12, 1853. His father was Walter Graves, and his mother is Emma Giles Graves, both New Yorkers by birth. He was married in New Haven, July 3, 1879, to Lizzie N. Billings, daughter of Dawson D. and Elizabeth Davis Billings of that city. They have three sons: Dwight D., Lester F., and Leslie B.

His Masonic connections embrace membership in both York and Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport, and he became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 10, 1896, with enrollment 1201. He is also a past noble grand in Arcanum Lodge No. 41, of the Odd Fellows; a member of the Algonquin Club, and of the Sons of Veterans' Association. He is Republican in principle, and served as alderman from 1896 to 1900.

Noble Graves resides at 2230 North Avenue, Bridgeport, and his business address is 73-79 Fairfield Avenue.

JOHN L. LINDLEY

A 32° Mason of New Haven, became a Mystic Shriner in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 25, 1904, where he stands enrolled as No. 1759. Masonically, his blue lodge is Wooster No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; he was exalted in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; received his cryptic degrees in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs, and baseball is his favorite sport. Noble Lindley is a native of Derby, Conn., and was born December 8, 1878. He attended the Ansonia schools, removing to San Francisco in 1895, and graduated from Lowell High School in 1897. His father, John L. Lindley, was a native of Derby, and his mother, Cecile Banks Lindley, of Bridgeport. Noble Lindley's family residence is 292 Norton Street, and he is employed by Gilbert & Company, dealers in coal, located at 81 Railroad Avenue, New Haven.

WILLIAM G. REDFIELD

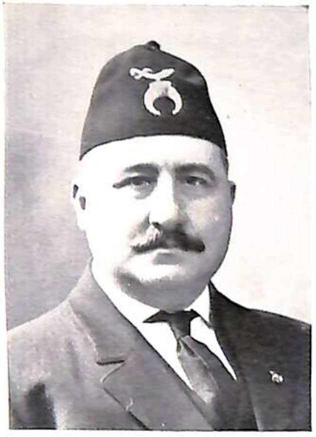
Received in Pyramid Temple, December 9, 1897, 1264 being the number of his enrollment. His York Rite degrees came from Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and he has received all of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, up to and including the thirty-second from Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, likewise, a member of the Knights Templar and Union League Clubs, both in New Haven, and of the Improved Order of Red Men in Ansantawa Tribe No. 34; is also a member of the Young Men's Republican Club, and from 1905 to 1912 served on the Board of Finance of the city of New Haven. Noble Redfield was born in New Haven, Conn., February 21, 1869, and there received an education in public and private schools. His father is Horatio G. Redfield, also a resident of New Haven, and his mother was Emma Goodrich Redfield. His marriage to Harriet Munson took place in New Haven, on March 13, 1899. They attend the St. John's Episcopal Church in New Haven. He was connected in minor capacities with the New Haven County National Bank from 1887 until 1902, when he rose to the position of cashier in same, which position he now fills. He resides at 31 Eld Street, New Haven.

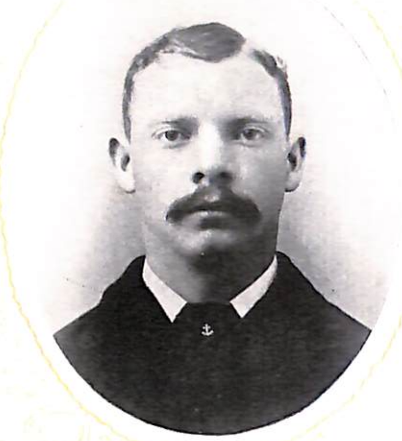
HENRY R. GRUENER

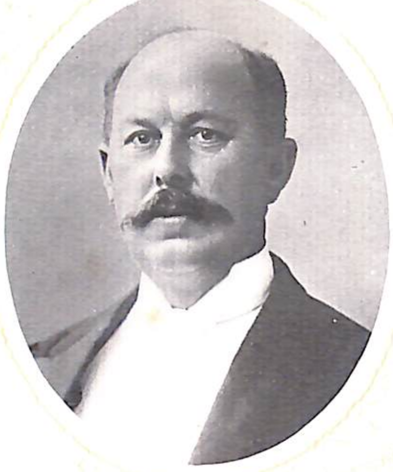
A 32° Mason of New Haven, born in the "City of Elms," April 5, 1867, was educated in its public schools. He was the son of Leopold and Katherine E. (Kern) Gruener, both of Germany. His Masonic connections are with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., of which he has been secretary; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., which he has also served as secretary; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and therein created a noble, on December 2, 1902, with membership No. 1592. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. His business is that of assistant in the Yale University Library, and his place of residence, 15 Elm Street.

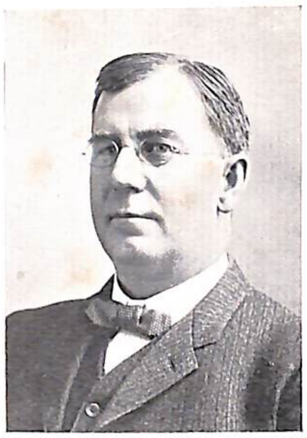
FREDERIC LYVERE BAXTER

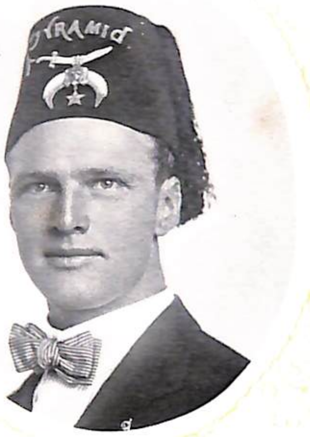
Of South Norwalk, Conn., was born there April 21, 1858, the son of William P. and Hannah Hayden Baxter, the former native of North Salem, N. Y., and the latter of Wilton, Conn. He was married in Windsor Locks, Conn., on July 29, 1891, to Eloise L., daughter of William and Mary Loomis Mather. The religious faith of Noble Baxter is Congregational, as was that of his parents. He is fond of all outdoor sports. He was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 21, 1896, his Masonic degrees having been taken in Old Well Lodge No. 10, A. F. & A. M.; Butler Chapter No. 38, R. A. M.; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M.; Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is likewise a member of the Odd Fellows, and of the Elks in South Norwalk, also of the South Norwalk and the South Norwalk Country Clubs, and has been in the drug business for over a quarter of a century. Prior to that he was for nine years in the printing business. His drug store is located on South Main Street, South Norwalk, and his residence, at 43 Chestnut Street.

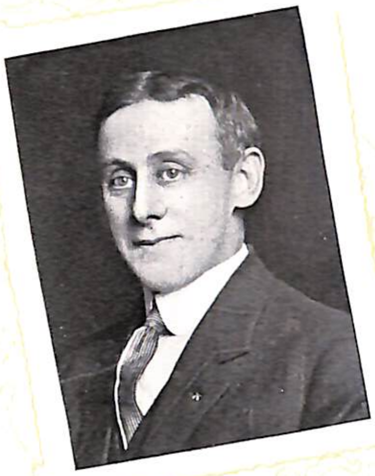


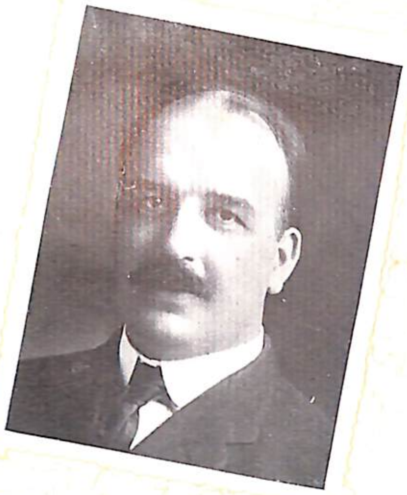


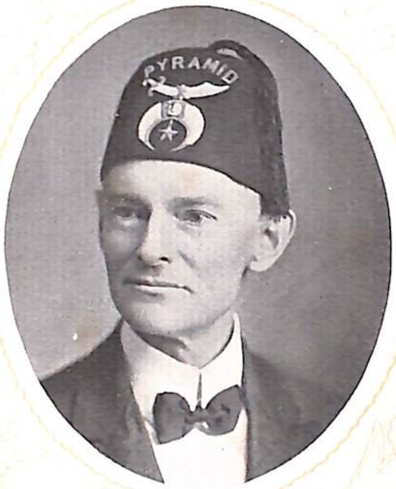


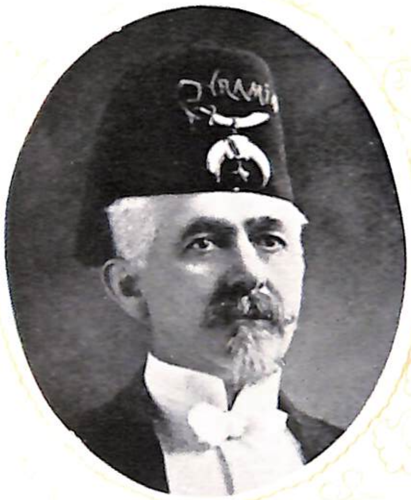


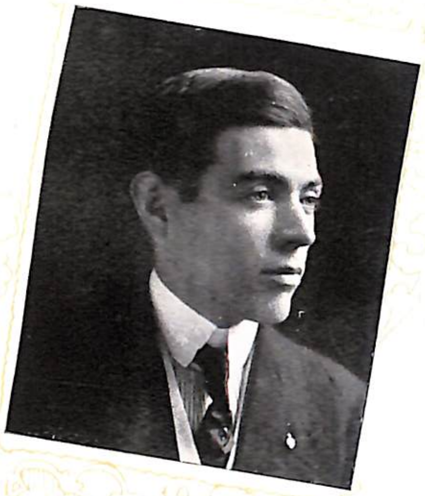


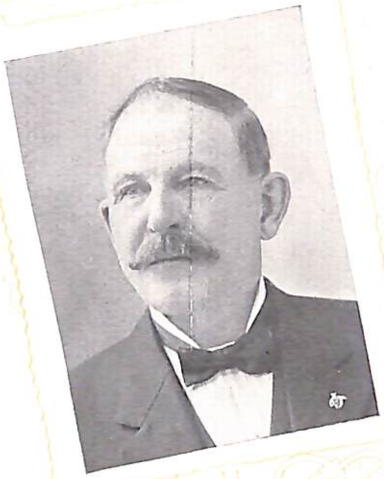


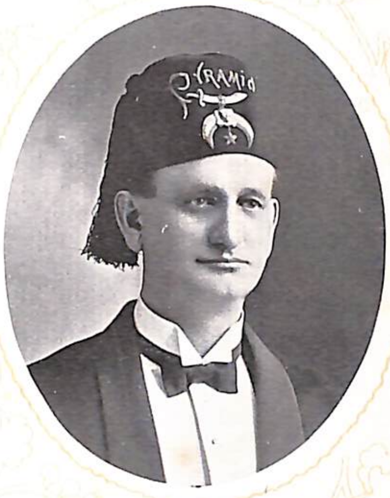


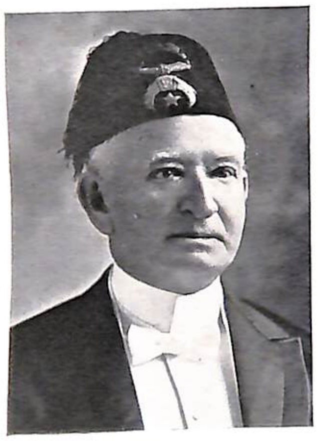


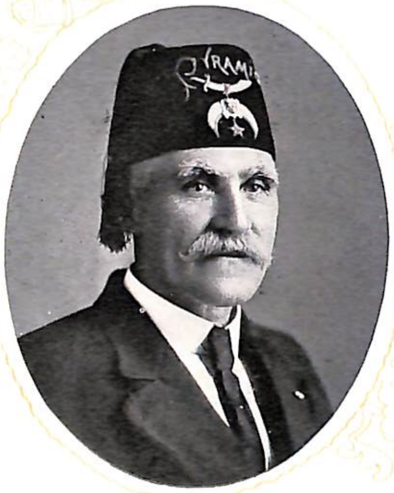


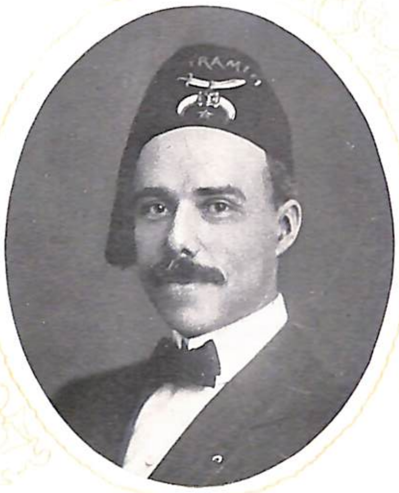


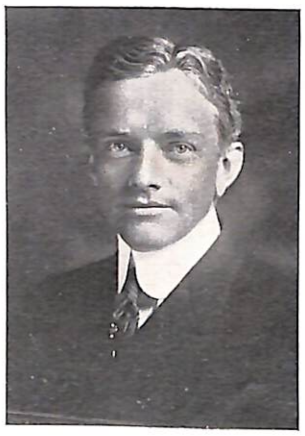












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WILBUR F. TOMLINSON

Born in Nora, Jo Davies County, Ill., direct descendant of a Fairfield County family by that name, is now located in Danbury, and has been for the past twenty-six years. In 1882, Noble Tomlinson married Antoinette, daughter of the late Perkin French of Easton, Conn. They have one son, Carl P. Tomlinson, who is a civil engineer by profession, and is at present located in Bellingham, Wash. In politics Noble Tomlinson is a Republican, and has represented the Second Ward in the Board of Council of the City of Danbury, and was twice elected to the Board of Aldermen. He was also a member of the Legislature, 1909-10; is a member of the Danbury Club; of the Knights of Pythias; American Mechanics, and Odd Fellows in their respective Danbury bodies. In Freemasonry, he was entered, passed, and raised in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, and received the several degrees of the Scottish Rite in Bridgeport, up to and including the thirty-second. His Masonic affiliations thus attained, he crossed the burning sands, and was accordingly received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, the number of his Shrine membership being 1658. His business establishment is on Main Street, and his home, on Morris Street, both in Danbury.

GEORGE F. BARNES

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 549, has York Rite degrees received from Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His A. A. S. R. degrees were also received from the several Scottish Rite bodies in New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Barnes was born in New Haven, Conn., August 18, 1876, and was educated in public grammar and Boardman High schools of New Haven. His father was Elbridge F. Barnes of Warren, Mass., and his mother was Genevieve Perry of New Haven. On March 9, 1899, he was married to Alice Andrew of that city. They are Congregationalists. Autoing is his favorite recreation. Since 1905 he has been president and treasurer of The Barnes Tool Company, having been connected with the same company from 1897. His business address is 958 Grand Avenue, New Haven, and he resides at 75 Maple Street, same city.

GEORGE F. HULL

Of Bridgeport, was born in Ridgefield, Conn., January 19, 1847, his parents having been Bradley H. and Mary P. Hull. He received an education in the public schools of Ridgefield and of Bridgeport, and was married in Norwalk, February 18, 1868, to Anne E., daughter of John W. and Betsey Smith Bouton of Norwalk. As a Mason he is connected with both York and Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport, and was received into the Order of the Mystic Shrine through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on March 3, 1891, his enrollment number being 589. He is also a charter member of Arcanum Lodge No. 41 of the Odd Fellows. His political views are Republican, his religious belief, Episcopal, and his favorite pastimes are autoing and historical reading. Noble Hull is a master mechanic, and has been with the Bridgeport Brass Company for the past twenty-one years. He resides at 179 Maple Street, Bridgeport.

S. ERNEST DOWNS.

Of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was therein created a noble, on May 25, 1903, with enrollment 1626, his Masonic affiliations having been made with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. In politics a Republican, he has served as town auditor since 1900. Noble Downs was born in Danbury, Conn., December 12, 1867, the son of Seth A. and Sylvia Taylor Downs, the former being a native of Danbury, and the latter of Newtown, Conn. He attended the public schools in his native town, graduating from the high school in 1886. His marriage to Harriet G. Pulling was solemnized in Danbury, November 18, 1891. Their five children are: Charlotte G., Doris S., Morris S., Ernest W., and Helen R. He is a member of the Methodist Church, holding the office of treasurer, and is also a member of its board of trustees. He has been connected with his firm since 1888, and thirteen years later, in 1901, he became a partner, filling the offices of vice president and secretary of the S. C. Holley Company hat manufacturing industry, located in Danbury, on River Street. His residence is at 19 Orchard Street, Danbury.

GEORGE G. DURANT

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason, was admitted to the Mystic Shrine on May 25, 1889, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., where he is enrolled No. 357. He is affiliated with Eureka Lodge No. 83, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. His business interests from 1869 to 1888, when he retired, have been connected with the hat manufacturing industry. He is a Republican, and he served his party in 1883, as representative to the House. Although by birth a New Yorker, having been born in Batavia, N. Y., on June 12, 18[illegible] [illegible] was educated in Connecticut, in Bethel and Redding. His parents were [illegible] Betsey Gilbert Durant. He was married January 4, 1869, to Alice T. Benjamin of Bethel, and again on December 4, 1906, to Cora B. Siater of Meriden. His children are: Bessie Shepard, George G. Jr., and Alice B. Hoyt. Noble Durant is a member of the Congregational Church, and he resides in Bethel.

THOMAS J. QUINN

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, with membership No. 1987, has Masonic connections with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Quinn has railroaded for over forty years, and holds record as a locomotive engineer on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for that period of time. He was born in Unionville, Conn., July 3, 1850, and attended the public schools there. His parents were Michael and Anna Mathews Quinn, the former, of Torrington, and the latter, of Westville. His wife was Elizabeth M. Edwards, to whom he was married in New Haven, in November, 1877. They have one child, William M., and are attendants at the Episcopal Church. His home address is 190 Kimberly Avenue, New Haven.

AUGUSTUS S. THOMPSON

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason, and No. 1702, in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, entered that illustrious body on December 1, 1903, having received his Masonic degrees in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies of the A. A. S. R., and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven; of the New Haven Conclave of Heptasophs, Sons of the American Revolution in the General Dond Humphrey Branch, and charter member of the Naval Reserves of Connecticut. Noble Thompson was born in New Haven, Conn., September 15, 1868, there receiving an education in public and private schools, and in Lee's Business College of that city. His father was Samuel I. Thompson, and his mother is Ama C. Parker Thompson. He was married to Edith G. Purdy of Tarrytown, N. Y., in that village, on December 28, 1898. They attend the Trinity Episcopal Church. Subsequent to his twelve years with the New Haven Gaslight Company, which concluded in 1904, he accepted a position as clerk with the Peck and Bishop Company of 191 Orange Street, New Haven, where he is now employed. His home is at 47 Court Street, New Haven.

HARRY V. WHIPPLE

No. 1837 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., entered the ranks of its nobility on May 5, 1905. He is Masonically connected with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven; the New Haven Country Club; Business Men's Association, and Chamber of Commerce in New Haven. Noble Whipple was born in Meriden, Conn., August 21, 1871, and received his early education in public and private schools of Cleveland, O., finishing in the high schools of Middletown and New Haven. His father was Henry J. P. Whipple of Lowell, Mass., and his mother is Victoria Couch Whipple. He was united in marriage in New Haven, on October 5, 1897, with Elizabeth Young of that city. They have one child, Oliver Mayhew, and are attendants at the St. John's Episcopal Church. His favorite outdoor [illegible] is golf, and he enjoys reading historical works. Noble Whipple has been in the employ of the Merchants' National Bank on State Street, New Haven, since 1889, and in 1906 was appointed its cashier. He resides at 97 Linden Street, New Haven.

WILLIAM M. HOTCHKISS

Knocked at the door of Masonry in King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., and was therein entered, passed and raised; was exalted in Solomon Chapter No 3, R. A. M., received and greeted in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Subsequently, on December 18, 1906, through the medium of his commandery, he was admitted to the Mystic Shrine, via the portals of Pyramid Temple, his membership therein being numbered 1902. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and with the New Haven Grays. Noble Hotchkiss was born in Derby, Conn., August 21, 1883, and was there educated, graduating from high school in 1901. He is the son of Merritt L. and Ellen C. Smith Hotchkiss of Derby. Before engaging in his present line of business he was for six years in the employ of the New York, New Haven, & Hartford Railroad Company as chief clerk to their master mechanic at New Haven, and since 1908 he has been in the real estate and fire insurance business, which is located at 902 Chapel Street, New Haven, rooms 309 and 311. His home is in the suburbs of New Haven, at Orange.

JOSEPH C. KELLY

Noble and life member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with enrollment No. 993, entered that body in the class of May 24, 1894. He is Masonically affiliated with Olive Branch Lodge No. 84, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and received his Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. The Knights Templar Club of New Haven also claims his membership. For thirty-eight years he has been associated with the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven, where he is now foreman of the tool department. Of Irish birth and parentage, Noble Kelly was born in County Longford, Ireland, on October 8, 1853, the son of James and Sarah A. Carson Kelly. His marriage to Addie M. Todd of Bethany, Conn., took place in the town of Oxford, Conn., in the year 1888. They have two sons: Frank T. and George William Kelly, and their home is in New Haven, at 53 Shelton Avenue. Noble Kelly has held various political offices, having been selectman under the old town government, also councilman and alderman in the Ninth Ward, and now serves as police commissioner and chairman of the Ninth Ward Republican Committee

JOSEPH W. BALLOU

A 32° Mason of New Haven, and number 994 in Pyramid Temple, was inducted into the Order of the Mystic Shrine, on May 24, 1894. His preparatory York Rite degrees came from Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. Portland, Me., was his birthplace, and the date, December 11, 1862. He attended the public schools of New Haven, graduating from its high school course. His father was John Ballou of Newtown, and his mother, Louise Parson Ballou, is, too, a native of Portland, Me. He was married in New Haven, to Emma G. Robinson of that city, on June 17, 1885. They have three children: Clarence LeRoy, Earl Farinda and Everett Lester. Noble Ballou was brought up in the Methodist faith, and attends the Baptist Church. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, while in reading he prefers historical and standard works. Since 1885 Noble Ballou has been engaged in the drug business, which is located at 42 Kimberley Avenue, New Haven, his residence being at 81 First Street.

WILLIAM A. SAMMIS

Elevated to life nobility in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 15, 1900, with enrollment 1380, bears Masonic allegiance to Olive Branch Lodge No. 84, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; was high priest in Washington Chapter No. 24, of Norwalk; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar Club, and held the rank of corporal in Company D of the Old Militia. Noble Sammis was born in Norwalk, Conn., December 20, 1849, and there received a public school education. His parents were Dr. Augustus and Mary Bartram Sammis, both of Norwalk, his father having been a graduate of Yale University. Emily F. Gamsby of New Haven, became his wife on June 18, 1877, their marriage having been solemnized in that city. Their two children are: Mrs. Clarence R. Cole and Mrs. Harold K. Beach. Noble Sammis is of the Episcopal persuasion, and was bred in that faith. His residence is 280 Norton Street, New Haven.

CHARLES H. WEBER

Noble No. 1475, in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, entered the ranks of that illustrious body on December 10, 1901, his Masonic connections having been previously made with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. He started in the oyster business in 1906, and for eighteen years previously was in the employ of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company. Noble Weber was born in Paterson, N. J., July 14, 1866, and received a public school education in New Haven. His home is at 550 Quinnipiac Street, New Haven.

CHARLES C. BARLOW

Was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 28, 1888, with enrollment 345, his Masonic connections being with St. Peter's Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Housatonic Chapter No. 33, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of the Union League Club, and of the Chamber of Commerce, both of New Haven, and past president of the Connecticut Bankers' Association. In New Milford, May 14, 1890, he was united in marriage with Genevra Briggs of Sherman, and they have one son, Fred B. They are attendants at the Congregational Church. He was born in Cornwall, Litchfield Co., Conn., and at an early age removed to New Milford, where he received his education. While still a boy he entered the First National Bank, of New Milford, as clerk, and remaining there for a time, was engaged as an assistant to National Bank Examiner A. B. Mygatt. He remained in this position for about four years. In 1884 he was chosen teller of the First National Bank of New Milford, where he continued for about seven years, when in 1891 he accepted the position of teller of the Pequonnock National Bank of Bridgeport, which he held for thirteen years. In 1903 changes were made in the officials of the Yale National Bank of New Haven, and a cashier being required, Mr. Barlow was highly recommended for the office, and received the appointment from a list of about fifty applicants. In 1909 he was also chosen secretary of the New Haven Clearing House Association, which office he still holds, and in 1910 was elected vice president and cashier of The Yale National Bank. He resides in New Haven, at No. 10, St. Ronan Terrace.

ELMORE A. EVANS

A York Rite Mason of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to the nobility of that illustrious body on May 9, 1910, with enrollment 2315. His Masonic bodies are Hamden Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Springfield, Mass.; Morning Star Chapter, R. A. M., also in Springfield; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., in Derby, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also connected with DeSota Lodge No. 155, of the I. O. O. F., in Springfield, Mass., and is a member of the Union League Club of New Haven. His business, since 1902, is that of secretary and treasurer of the Griffin Button Company, and for twenty years prior to that, he was a button salesman and jobber. Noble Evans is a native of Rockingham, Vt., the date of his birth being April 10, 1858. He was educated in the public schools and academy of Chester, Vt. He resides at 76 Seymour Avenue, Derby, while his business address is Shelton, Conn.

EDWIN A. TALBOT

A 32° Mason, first saw Masonic Light in King David Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Taunton, Mass., receiving the remaining York Rite degrees in Pittsfield, Mass., and his Scottish Rite degrees from the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport, including Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. Through the medium of his Masonic connections he was received in the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on December 2, 1890, with enrollment 1560. His other fraternities are: the Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, and New England Order of Protection. Noble Talbot was born in North Dighton, Mass., February 22, 1854, and was educated in the public schools and academy of Taunton, Mass. His parents were Allen and Sarah J. Payne Talbot. On September 26, 1876, he was married to Annie E. Maguire, daughter of Philip Maguire of Middleborough, Mass. They have one son, Edwin E., born January 28, 1888. In Pittsfield, Mass., where he established his first home, he served as alderman for two years, and for nineteen years, from 1881, was in the stationery business. Removing to Danbury, however, in 1900, to enter the business of wholesale produce, he there built up and conducted a business at 6 Ives Street, which, in 1911, he turned over to his son, returning to Pittsfield, his former home, where he formed a connection with the George A. Grounds Company, carrying on a wholesale fruit and produce business throughout Western Massachusetts. His residence is 5 Maplewood Avenue, Pittsfield, Mass.

EDWIN C. DOW

Has Masonic affiliations with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He was ennobled on December 2, 1902, and enrolled as 1556, in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a past grand in Harmony Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and past commander in Admiral Foote Post. Noble Dow is a Republican, and in 1895 was appointed judge of the New Haven City Court, and held that office for the ten succeeding years. He served in the army for three and a half years as captain of the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery. After his honorable discharge was received, he pursued the study of law. Noble Dow was born in North Paris, Me., August 22, 1835, and attended school in Middletown, Conn. His parents were Huse and Zielpha Drake Dow. On May 6, 1906, he was married to Harriet A. Griffin, his second wife. His three children, Edwin Z., Harry B., and Mrs. Mae B. Munsell, were left by his first wife, Hester D. Barnes of New Haven, at her demise in 1904. Historical reading is a source of enjoyment to Noble Dow. His business address is 69 Church Street, New Haven, and his home is in Cheshire.

JAMES SIMPSON

Of English birth and parentage, was born in Bury, Lancashire, July 25, 1850, and received an education in the Bury Grammar School, and the St. Johns School of York, Eng. His parents were David and Ann Mather Simpson, and his wife, to whom he was married on October 26, 1910, was Mary A. Weeks of Torrington. They are of the Episcopal faith.

Noble Simpson first sought Masonry in England, and was admitted to Edgerton Lodge No. 1392, A. F. & A. M., in Bury, Lancashire. Later, on coming to America, his membership was transferred to Seneca Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., in Torrington, of which he is a past master; he was exalted in Cyrus R. A. Chapter No. 45, in Torrington, serving as high priest; is a member of Buell Council No. 20, of Royal and Select Masters; also of Clark Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar; Doric Lodge of Perfection; Ionic Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Waterbury, and of Lafayette Consistory, 32°, in Bridgeport, and was subsequently received into the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, on January 30, 1896, having been enrolled as No. 1137. He also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, being a past grand patron.

His address is 16 Hotchkiss Place, Torrington.

HARRY H. BALDWIN

Life member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with membership 1613, was admitted to the ranks of its nobility, on May 5, 1903, having received his degrees of the York Rite, in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. & S. M.; Harmony Council No 8, Royal and Select Masters, and New Haven Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar. He is also an Odd Fellow, in Relief Lodge No. 861, in New Haven. Noble Baldwin was born in New Haven, Conn., November 27, 1858, and was educated in its public schools. He was the son of George A. and Mary A. Catlin Baldwin, the former of Oxford, and the latter of Farmington. He was married on May 19, 1886, and has two children: Harry H., Jr., and Emily B. By trade he is a mason and builder, and has been a member of the firm of Baldwin Bros. of New Haven, for the past twenty-eight years, and during the twenty years prior to that he was with the firm of George A. Baldwin & Son. Hunting and fishing are his favorite diversions, and he resides at 333 Howard Avenue, New Haven.

FRED W. RADCLIFFE

Entered the Unseen Temple on February 8, 1911, when but forty years of age. He was a 32° Mason, and was affiliated with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 9; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, and, likewise, with the Odd Fellows in Derby in Housatonic Lodge No. 6. He was also a member of the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade, of the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport, and the Union League of New Haven. The lamented noble was born in Oxford, Conn., May 31, 1867, the son of Frank, the senior member of the original Radcliffe Brothers, and Mary A. Griswold Radcliffe, the former having been of English nativity, and the latter of Seymour, Conn. Hunting and fishing were greatly enjoyed by him. For one year he was burgess, having been elected to that post by the Republican Party. He became a member of the firm of Radcliffe Brothers, manufacturers of underwear, and was secretary and treasurer of same, in which offices he gave great satisfaction.

JEROME S. BISSELL, M. D.

A 32° A. A. S. R. Mason, was admitted to the ranks of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 18, 1906, and was therein enrolled, 1997. His York Rite degrees came from Seneca Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter No. 45, R. A. M.; Buell Council No. 20, R. & S. M.; and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., while his Scottish Rite degrees, were received from the Waterbury A. A. S. R. bodies, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Order of the Elks, in Torrington Lodge No. 372; of Ridgeby Lodge No. 51, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Torrington Club. Noble Bissell is a native of Washington, Conn., and was born June 20, 1869. He attended school in that place, and later the Colgate Academy, having secured his degree from the Yale Medical School in 1894. He was the son of Samuel J. and Katherine A. Smith Bissell, and his marriage to Susie A. Waugh was celebrated in Thomaston, on Christmas Day, 1894. They have one child, Marjorie E. Noble Bissell has been a practicing physician in Torrington, since 1894, his office being at 13 Main Street, and he resides at 199 Main Street, Torrington.

GEORGE H. BATCHELOR

Of Ansonia, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, on May 24, 1886, his being the 295th enrollment in that body. He had previously made Masonic connections with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He was commander for the year 1909, of Kellogg Post, No. 26, G. A. R.

In 1890 he retired from business, for seventeen years, 1873-90, having been tool-maker and die-sinker, with the Smith & Egge Manufacturing Company of Bridgeport. He began his work as a machinist in 1850, and was enlisted in the army, 1862-65.

Noble Batchelor was born in Trowbridge, Eng., April 21, 1833. His parents, both natives of Trowbridge and Methodists, were William and Martha Batchelor. His father passed away in 1865, and his mother, in 1894. He was married in Ansonia, May 31, 1855, to Flavia A. Cowles of Winsted. They have one son, Charles E. Noble Batchelor is a Methodist, his favorite reading is history, and he resides at 73 Elm Street.

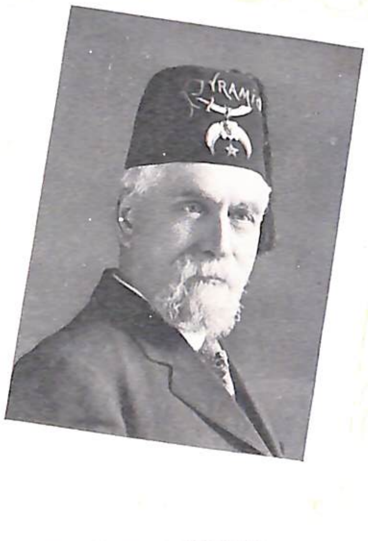
ALBERT M. BARTLETT

A 32° Mason, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 26, 1894, and enrolled therein 1029. His Masonic membership is in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2., K. T., where he is serving as organist; the E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council of Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., in Relief Lodge No. 86, in New Haven. Noble Bartlett was born in New Haven, Conn., June 20, 1866, and was there educated, graduating from the high school in 1884. He was the son of Horace E. and Frances E. Parker Bartlett, both of whom were natives of Guilford. He is a widower, and has three children: Richard H., Helen A., and Theodore P. Boating and yachting are the diversions he most enjoys. He attends the Congregational Church, and was reared in that faith. For fifteen years, from 1891, Noble Bartlett was in the butter and egg business for himself, but in 1906 he became a floor walker in the department store of the John E. Bassett Company of 754 Chapel Street, New Haven. He also resides in New Haven, at 249 Franklin Street.

FREDERICK B. CROFUTT

Of Danbury, publisher of Danbury City Directory, from 1886, and deputy sheriff since 1903, with Republican affiliations, was born in Danbury, Conn., August 6, 1858. His parents were Harris L. and Hannah A. Barnum Crofutt. His wife was Forence A. Harvey of Danbury. They were married in that city, February 24, 1897, and on August 3, 1908, she passed away, leaving a daughter, Marion H., born December 19, 1898. His present wife was Ulla Cooper, to whom he was married February 25, 1910. His religious affiliations are Congregational. He enjoys all outdoor sports, both as participant and on-looker, also the game of politics.

He was brought to light in Masonry, in Union Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., in which he served as junior steward. In Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23, he was advanced and exalted, and was created a Knight Templar in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. Thus qualified, he was duly admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 5, 1903, his enrollment therein being 1619. He is also a past grand in Samaritan Lodge No. 7, of the Odd Fellows, in Danbury. His business address is 246 Main Street, Danbury, and he also resides in that city, at No. 12 Balmforth Avenue.



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EDWARD A. NELLIS

Admitted to membership in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on January 30, 1896, with enrollment 1140, has Masonic connections with St. Andrew's Lodge No. 64, A. F. & A. M., in which he served as master for eight years; Meriden Chapter No. 15, R. A. M., of which he has been high priest six years; Tyrian Council No. 31, R. & S. M., for six years its thrice illustrious master, and Clark Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar. He was one year on the Board of Burgesses and three years borough warden; was one year justice of the peace in the town of Winchester; representative to the Legislature, 1881-82; sheriff of Litchfield County, two terms, from June 1, 1895 to 1903, and member of the State Central Committee, 1905-06. He served in the army under Capt. Benj. F. Proudy of Company B, 6th Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers. Noble Nellis was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., in the town of Clayton, on August 16, 1840, and there attended district and private schools, also the W. P. Brown Business College. His parents were Adam Nellis and Harriet Kingsbury, both of New York. He was married in New Britain on December 7, 1871, to Ellen Bruce of Bakersville. He was engaged in the plumbing, stove and range business in Winsted, for nearly thirty years, from 1869 to 1898, and during the past ten years has been a retired merchant, having given up active business life in 1901. Noble Nellis resides at 12 Holbud Avenue, Winsted.

CHARLES A. HODGE

For a number of years leading conductor of Danbury Band, reached Pyramid's portals June 5, 1907, and was on that date admitted into its nobility, and therein enrolled as No. 2085, having previously been knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar; admitted to the ninth arch in Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters; exalted in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23, and inducted into Masonry in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., all in Danbury. Noble Hodge is a native of Danbury, and was born on February 15, 1866, the son of R. C. and Rachael Osborn Hodge, both natives of New Fairfield, Conn., the former having passed away. His marriage to Minnie B. Payne of Danbury, took place June 1, 1887. Their three children are: Rena M., Norman, and Ethel M. Noble Hodge has been actively engaged in the hat manufacturing industry since 1897, and for the past four years as foreman in the finishing department of the Bellaire Hat Company of Danbury. He was also for ten years superintendent of the Milford Hat Factory. His religious affiliations are Baptist, and he is fond of all outdoor sports. His business address is 435 Main Street, and he resides at 63 Maple Avenue, Danbury.

JAMES E. HOWLAND

A York Rite Mason of New Haven, and in the plumbing and heating business, is an active Republican there, having served as councilman in 1905, and as health commissioner for the past seven years. He was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, and is therein enrolled 2018, holding previously attained Masonic membership in Corinthian Lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Howland was born in New York City, May 19, 1852, where he was educated, and in the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Brooklyn, N. Y. He is the son of Abraham and Kate Gant Howland, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. His wife was Mary L. Jacobs of New Haven. Their children are Mrs. Nellie Meigs, Mrs. Maude Kelsey and Miss Florence Howland. Noble Howland is of the Baptist faith, as were his parents. His home is at 62 Atwater Street, and his place of business, 514 State Street, New Haven.

ALEXANDER IRVING GORDON

Of Danbury, was born in Woodbury, Conn., December 22, 1870. His parents were William A. Gordon, native of Woodbury, and Sarah E. Blake Gordon of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He received an education in the public schools of Danbury, and on March 23, 1887, entered the employ of the Danbury National Bank, as a messenger, becoming teller on January 1, 1906.

He was married in Danbury, May 12, 1897, to Jessie A. McLean of Danbury, daughter of David McLean, native of Aberfeldy, Scotland. They have one daughter, Jeannette McLean, born December 12, 1903. Their religious affiliations are Congregational.

Noble Gordon is another of the class of Danbury nobles who have entered Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., through the medium of Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. The date of his enrollment in that body was May 5, 1905, and his membership number 1828. He received the capitular degrees in Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons, and it was in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., that he first saw Masonic light. His political affiliations are Republican. Golf and tennis are his favorite sports, and he resides at 68 Garfield Avenue.

ROBERT A. BRONSON

Was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 22, 1899, and enrolled 881, his Masonic affiliations being with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, Elm City Council, P. of J; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar and Union League Clubs, both of New Haven. Noble Bronson is a native of New Haven, Conn., and was born February 19, 1862, receiving an education in the public schools of his home city. He was the son of William and Rebecca E. Terrill Bronson, the former of Tolland, and the latter of New Haven. His marriage to Esther A. Law of Boston, Mass., took place in New York City, February 21, 1894. She passed away, December 28, 1910, leaving a daughter, Louise Terrill. He was nurtured in the teachings of the Methodist Church, to which faith he adheres. Since 1876 he is a member of the firm of E. L. Washburn & Company of 84 Church Street, New Haven, and he resides at 103 Cottage Street, same city.

BURTON L. TUTTLE

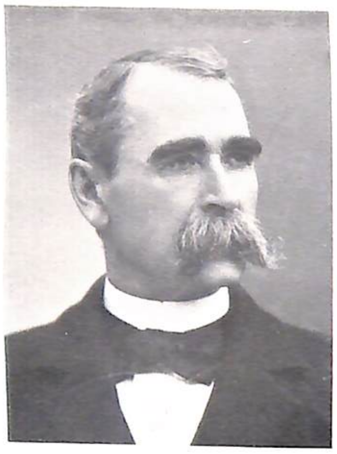
A 32° Mason of New Haven, and grand principal sojourner of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1901, and therein enrolled No. 1481. He is a past master in Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest in Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; past thrice illustrious master in Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He also received his Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. Noble Tuttle was born in New Haven, Conn., April 22, 1876, son of the late Frederick R. Tuttle of New Haven, and Henrietta Frisbie Tuttle, whose birthplace was Hartford. He was married in New Haven, on October 11, 1906, to Alta M. Carter of New Haven. They have two children, Frederick Burton and Sherman Carter. They reside at 38 Clark Street, New Haven. His business association in the line of plumbing fixture manufacture, is with The Peck Brothers and Company of Chestnut Street, New Haven.

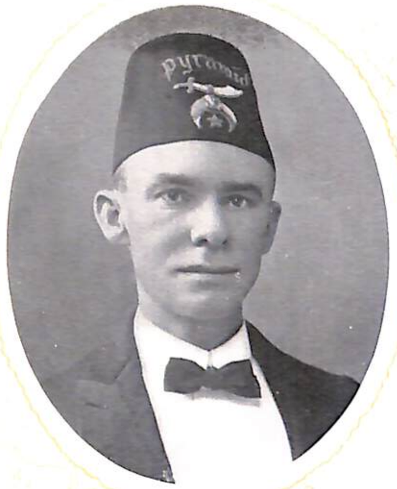
FRED W. FELLOWS

A Sir Knight in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; member of Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; of Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2, and of Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 15, 1905, when the order was duly exemplified on him, his enrollment therein being 1941. Noble Fellows was born in Bristol, N. H., August 19, 1867, and was educated in the public schools of Oakland, Cal, also studying under private tutors. He is the son of Alvin J. and Louise T. Bangs Fellows, the former of New Haven, and the latter of Madison. He enjoys all outdoor sports, and the reading of general literature. He is a member of the Knights Templar and Quinnipiack Clubs of New Haven, likewise of the Home Club of Meriden, and he resides at 361 Orange Street, New Haven. He has been in the hardware manufacturing industry for more than a quarter century from 1885. His business address is the Sargent Company, New Haven.

JOSEPH KEGELMEYER

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 22, 1899, and therein enrolled 1351. He was previously raised in Masonry, in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; received his capitular degrees in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., which he is serving as high priest; was admitted to the ninth arch in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His A. A. S. R. degrees came from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is also a member of the Elks, in Lodge No. 25, and of the Knights Templar and Young Men's Republican Clubs of New Haven Noble Kegelmeyer is a staunch Presbyterian, and was brought up in that faith. He is interested in New Haven civic matters: was a member of the Board of Public Works in 1896, and since 1897 has served as fire commissioner. From the year 1876 he has been factory foreman for the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven. Noble Kegelmeyer was born in New Haven, Conn., February 5, 1857, the son of Joseph and Eva C. Breeth Kegelmeyer. On November 16, 1881, his marriage to Hattie Gladwin of Clinton, was solemnized in their home city, New Haven. They reside at 165 Norton Street.





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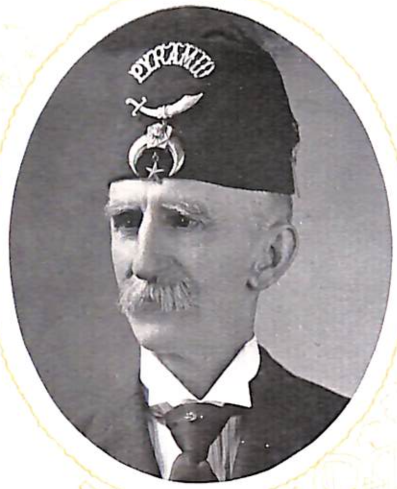

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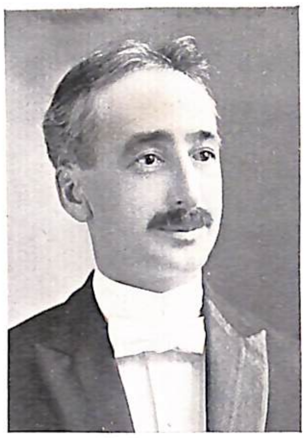

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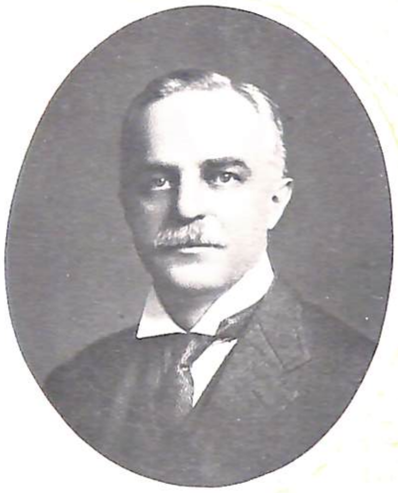

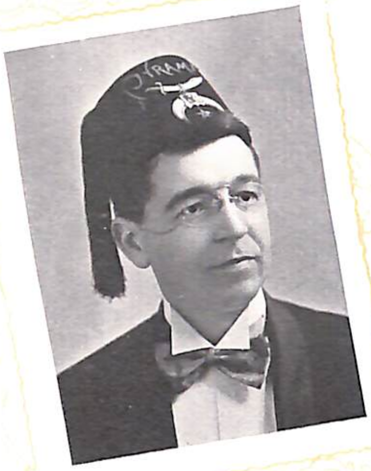

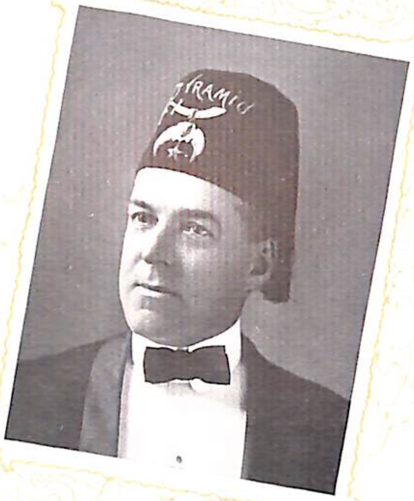

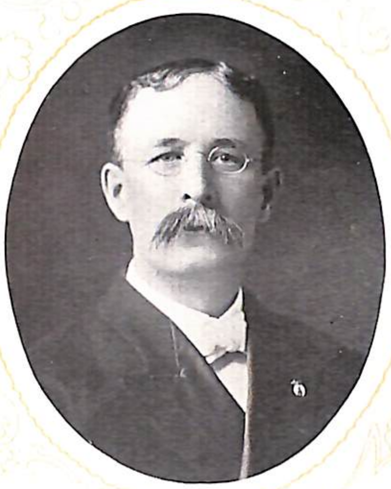

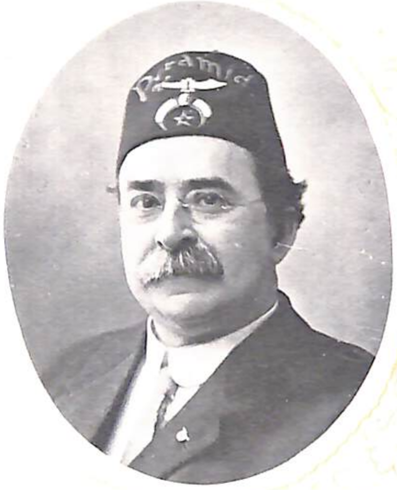

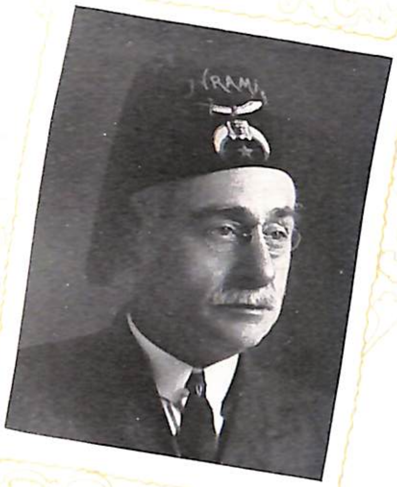

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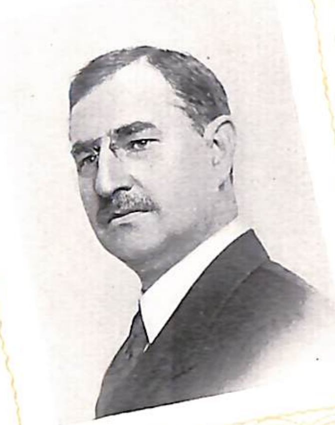

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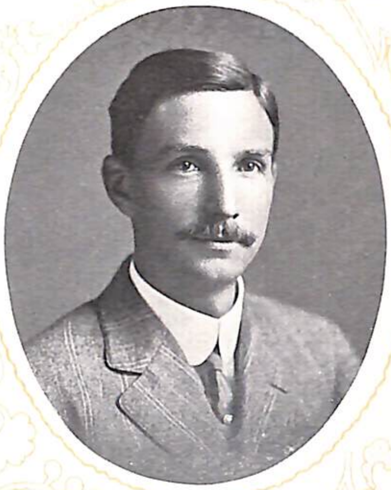

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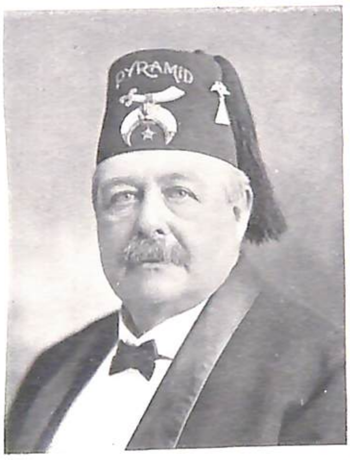

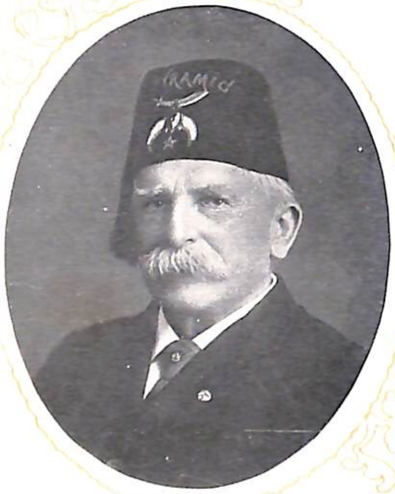

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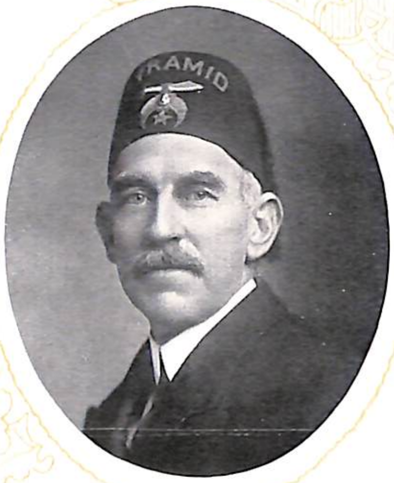

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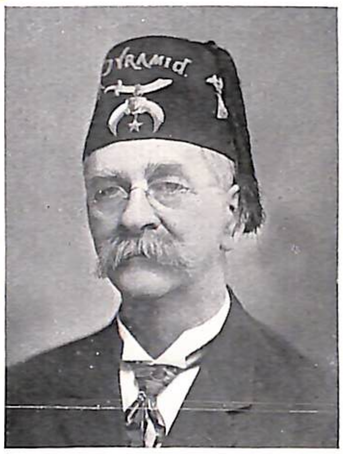

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FELIX LYMAN

Manufacturing optician in Bridgeport, has been in that business for the past thirty-one years. He was born in Bozrah, Conn., August 25, 1856, the son of Gilbert Lyman, and received an education in the public schools of his native State, and in the Bucklin School of Optics, from which he graduated in 1890. He was married in 1876, to Mary Bennett of Putnam. Their two children are Arthur and Mrs. J. H. Van York, Jr. He is a Congregationalist, and a supporter of the Republican Party.

Pyramid Temple received him on December 11, 1904, enrolled as No. 1815, through the medium of his Masonic connections with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., in Bridgeport.

His business is located at 920 Main Street, and his home, at 321 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport.

CHARLES ABRAHAM TOMLINSON

Inducted into the mysteries of Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 28, 1893, and received into its nobility, with enrollment 947, has Masonic connections with Ansenthawae Lodge No. 89, A. F. & A. M., in Milford, which he has served as secretary, treasurer and trustee; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 18, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Politically a Democrat, he was sheriff of New Haven County, 1891-95; elected to the Legislature in 1877, and having served four consecutive terms, is now serving his fifth succeeding year as chief deputy sheriff, in charge of all court house work under Sheriff Hugo, having originated and built the Milford Street Railway, connecting the Bridgeport and New Haven trolley systems. Noble Tomlinson was born in Milford, Conn., July 19, 1848, and was educated in public and private schools of his native town. His parents were Nathan C. and Susan C. (Baldwin) Tomlinson. He was married in Milford, on November 1, 1869, to Lucea E. Sperry of that place, and they have four children: Edwin Sperry, Catherine L., Adea, and Bertha Heart. His business address is New Haven Court House, and he has his residence in Milford.

HENRY L. ELLENBERGER

A York Rite Mason of New Haven, whose blue lodge is Adelphi No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; his chapter, Pulaski No. 26, R. A. M.; council, Crawford No. 19 R. & S. M., and commandery, New Haven No. 2, K. T., was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on May 5, 1905, with enrollment 1836. Of German and American parentage, Noble Ellenberger claims America as his fatherland; having been born in New Haven, Conn., February 18, 1869, and there educated. His marriage to Grace Hofacker, a resident of New Haven, occurred June 1, 1908. They have one child, Elizabeth Baldwin, and their home is at 890 Quinnipiac Street. He is a member of the merchandising firm of Pardee, Ellenberger, and Company, at 104 State Street, New Haven, and also in Boston.

VERNAL W. BATES

Of New Haven, was admitted to the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1543. As a Mason, he was previously entered, passed and raised in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Bates is the son of L. C. and Mary Warner Bates, and was born in New Haven, Conn., June 23, 1879, there receiving an education, and graduating from the high school in 1897. On June 11, 1900, he was married in Albany, N. Y., to Elizabeth Hailes of that city. They have one son, Theodore Lewis. Noble Bates has occupied his present position as treasurer of the L. C. Bates Company from 1902, and has been treasurer of the New Haven Cold Storage Company from 1905. He is also a member of the Paris Manufacturing Company of South Paris, Me., makers of sleds, desks and stepladders, and holds membership in the Knights Templar and New Haven Country Club of New Haven, and the Historical Society, also of New Haven. He resides at 738 Whitney Avenue, and his business address is 52 George Street, New Haven.

SAMUEL H. HUNTINGTON, M. D.

A Mystic Shriner in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was therein ennobled on May 5, 1905, with membership No. 1339. He is a past master of St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest of Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., also past grand high priest of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut; a member of Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and of Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., of which he is a past eminent commander. Since 1898 he has been coroner's medical examiner. Noble Huntington was born in Windham, Conn., August 10, 1854; graduated from the medical department of Yale University, on February 17, 1876, and has been engaged in the practice of medicine ever since. His parents were Wallace and Cynthia Ward Huntington, the former of Windham, Conn., and the latter a native of Brunswick, Me. In 1878 he was married to Anna B. Chapin, daughter of Lorenzo Band and Julia Buck Chapin. She passed away five years later. His second marriage, to Annette L. Mills, daughter of William and Sarah A. Oliver Mills, respectively natives of Manchester, Eng., and Springfield, Mass., took place in New York City, in 1885. He has two children, Edith Chapin, born in 1880, and Arthur Frederick, in 1887. Their religious affiliations are Episcopal, and they reside in Norwalk.

OTTO H. WALL

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 25, 1891, with enrollment 632, bears Masonic allegiance to Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., also to the A. A .S. R. bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport, his home consistory. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. For twelve years Noble Wall was identified with the hotel business, but in 1892, he retired from active business life. He was born in Berlin, Ger., July 28, 1843, and was educated in the public schools of New York City and Hartford. His parents were Charles and Agusta Kley Wall, also of Germany. His wife was Elizabeth Prince of New Haven. Noble Wall is a veteran of the Civil War. He resides at 123 Campbell Avenue, West Haven.

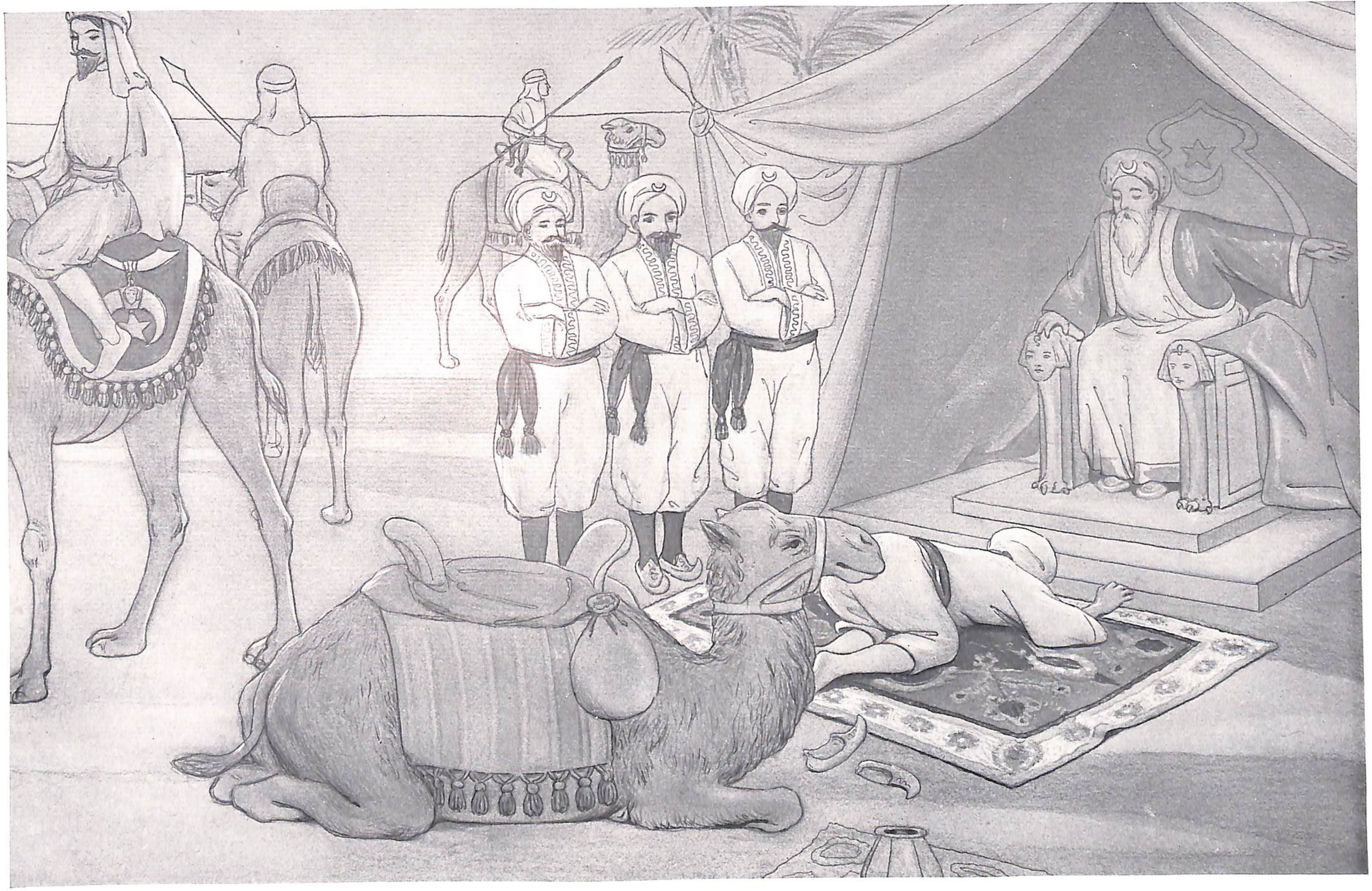
GEORGE IRVING ABBOTT

Made his entrance to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 5, 1905, and was therein enrolled 1846. His Masonic affiliations are with Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; Wooster Council, No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. Noble Abbott was born in Irvington, N. Y., November 13, 1858, and was educated in public and private schools of his native town.

He was the son of George Abbott of Ridgefield, and Fannie S. Adams Abbott of Salem, N. Y. He was married in New York, February 14, 1886, to Catherine Barry of that city. They have three children: Robert O., Louise A., and Catherine M. Noble Abbott is an Episcopalian. Fishing and reading political literature are his favorite pastimes. He is a member of the House of Representatives, and is a supporter of the Republican Party; is also a past chief of the Fire Department of Ridgefield, and proprietor of a restaurant, having previously been a confectioner in New York City. He resides in Ridgefield.

CHARLES E. DOW

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1895, was therein enrolled 1095. His York Rite bodies are St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M.; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in which latter he was warder, junior warden, and eminent commander. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council of Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory where he was made a 32° Mason. Noble Dow was born in North Castle, N. Y., May 9, 1846, where also he received a public school education. His parents were John C. and Sarah Smith Dow. He was married in Poundridge, N. Y., on March 17, 1872, to Mary Ophelia Randall, daughter of Daniel and Matilda Provost Randall of Poundridge. He is a member of the South Norwalk Club; is a Republican; has been mayor of South Norwalk four terms; is treasurer of the school fund; served in the 17th Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers; was in the grocery business 1883-87, but since then has conducted a hardware store at 112 Washington Street, South Norwalk. Noble Dow's home is at 10 Elizabeth Street, South Norwalk.



The Message of Shareef Sultani

Danger is imminent and the Shrine is in jeopardy! The Shareef Sultani must call a meeting to take action. Trusty messengers are called into his presence and charged to deliver a message to the Faithful. "Make all haste, one of you to the East, one to the North, one to the South, and one to the West." "Let naught detain you nor swerve you from your purpose." "Bid our trusty Arabs to repair to the Temple forthwith, nor fail not, under penalty of our displeasure." "Mount and make haste! Away!"

LESTER O. JONES

Initiated into the mysteries of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple on April 9, 1906, and therein enrolled No. 1960, is connected in Masonry with Day Spring Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M., of Hamden, where he is a past master; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knight's Templar Club of New Haven, and a Republican. He served the town of Hamden as selectman, from 1897 to 1902, and was also elected in 1911, to serve his town as assessor for a term of three years, expiring in 1913. Noble Jones was born in New Haven, Conn., March 22, 1856, receiving an education in the public and private schools of Hamden. His father is Orlando Jones, native of New York, and his mother was Silva Thomas Jones of Hamden. He was married in Mechanic Falls, Me., to Mabel Ripley of Paris, Me., and they have one child, Thyar P., who is the light of their home. They attend the Universalist Church, and hunting is his favorite sport. He was a market gardener for thirty years. His business address is Highwood, and he resides in Hamden, on Pine Rock Avenue.

JAMES RILEY MASON

A York Rite Mason of Derby, and for the past ten years president of the Sterling Piano Company, with whom he has been connected for the past quarter century, was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on January 30, 1896, and therein enrolled 1131, having been previously qualified as a Mason, in King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Mason also holds membership in the Union League and Young Men's Republican Clubs of New Haven, and the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport. A Republican in politics, he has served the town of Derby as alderman, and is on its Board of Apportionment. Noble Mason is a native of Indiana, having been born in New Lebanon of that State, on November 25, 1847. He attended public and private schools in that town, graduating from the academy there. In 1866 he continued his studies in Union Christian College of Merom, Ind., later taking a course in the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His father was Henry B. Mason of Kentucky, and his mother, Nancy J. Robey of Maryland. His marriage to Eva Child of Oberlin, O., was celebrated in Dayton, O., on June 18, 1874. They have one daughter, Mrs. Eveline Terrell. Noble Mason resides in Derby, at 62 Atwater Avenue.

DANIEL NASH MORGAN

A member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was born in Newtown, Conn., August 18, 1844, the son of Ezra and Hannah (Nash) Morgan, and in 1860 graduated from the academy in his native place. In both civic and national life, his name has been written high: having served in the common council of Bridgeport 1873-74; was a member of the Board of Education 1877-78, and again 1898 to 1904; mayor of Bridgeport 1880-84; in 1882 was elected to the House of Representatives for session of 1883; was a member of the State Senate three terms 1885, '86 and '93; was a candidate for governor of Connecticut in 1898, and for the United States Senate in 1899; Treasurer of the United States 1893-97, and president of the City National Bank in January, 1879, remaining in that position fourteen years, until June 26, 1893. He was president of the Mechanics' and Farmers' Savings Bank, 1889-1899. He has been vice-president of the Sons of the Revolution in Connecticut from 1894. Noble Morgan is a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., and has been since May, 1871, serving one year as junior warden, one year as senior warden, and two years as worshipful master; is a member of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; of Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F. His business interests have also included the dry goods trade, extending over a period of more than ten years, 1869-1880. He was president of the United States Trust Company of Washington D. C., in 1907. On June 10, 1868, he was united in marriage with Medora H. Judson of Huntington, and they have two children now living: Mrs. Daniel Edwards Brinsmade, and William Judson Morgan. Noble Morgan has traveled much, both in the United States and in Europe. In literary pursuits his mind naturally seeks political and historical arguments. He is of the Episcopal faith. One of the rarest collections of autographs in the country is possessed by him, and he has presented to the Connecticut State Library at Hartford, about three hundred and fifty volumes of newspaper clippings from his collection. Few organizations possess a more picturesque and distinguished figure than this man of national prominence.

GEORGE H. PECK

Of Bridgeport, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., January 30, 1858, and received an education in the public schools of that city. He was the son of Edwin and Caroline Nichols Peck of Nichols, both Episcopalians. His marriage to Grace Lowe, of Bridgeport, daughter of William and Abigail Lowe, both of English birth, was celebrated in that city, on December 18, 1885. They have two children, William E. and Franklin L.

On May 5, 1903, he was admitted to the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid Temple, his enrollment number being 1657. His Masonic degrees were received from St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°.

For the past five years, from 1906, Noble Peck has held the position of president and treasurer of the Peck and Lines Company of Bridgeport. His business address is 185 Middle Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 355 William Street.

S. CLAUDE O'CONNOR

A Mason for the past thirty-one years, having filled every office, was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, December 5, 1856, the son of Charles W. and Harriet W. Hawley O'Connor, the former of Dunmore, Galway County, Ireland. His preliminary education was received in the public schools of his native place, and he graduated from Masson College in 1873. In 1880 he was married to Cettie A. Smith of Newport, Vt. Their daughter, Kathleen, was born September 10, 1881.

He was raised in Memphremagog Lodge No. 65, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Cleveland Royal Arch Chapter No. 20; received and greeted in Orleans Council No. 19, R. & S. M., also in Newport, and knighted in Malta Commandery No. 10, K. T., all in Newport, Vt. He served as senior warden in his lodge; as scribe in his chapter; deputy master in his council, and generalissimo of his commandery. Through the medium of the latter he was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on June 6, 1907, his enrollment in that body being 2098. He is also prominent in his other fraternities, being a past vice-grand of the Odd Fellows, in Evening Star Lodge, Newport; consul commander of Woodmen of the World; past archon of Danbury Conclave of the I. O. O. H., and delegate to the supreme conclave in Buffalo, in 1897. He is likewise a member of several secret bodies, and was for ten years captain of Company L, First Regiment, Vermont National Guard.

He is a member of the School Board of Ridgefield, and since 1904, manager and editor of the Ridgefield Press; for eleven years previously, having occupied a position with the Danbury News. He resides in Ridgefield.

Lester O Jones

J.R. Mason

D.N. Morgan

George H Peck.

S. Claude Thomas

A. E. FROST

An Arab in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was elevated to the rank of noble in that illustrious body on November 22, 1909. His Shrine number is 2275. Masonically, he is affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is a Republican and a member of the Algonquin Club. Noble Frost was born in Hanley, Eng., the son of Samuel and Annie Hughes Frost. In 1897 he entered the newspaper business in East Liverpool, O., and two years later came to Bridgeport, and was there employed by The Bryant Electric Company, with which concern he is still associated. He resides in Bridgeport, at 1602 Fairfield Avenue.

DECATUR S. MILLER

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on June 6, 1907, with membership 2076, was made a York Rite Mason in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has also received the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second being a member of the following A. A. S. R. bodies: E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council of Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. Noble Miller can trace Masonry in his family back to the year 1709, when one of his ancestors, George Miller, was made a Knight Templar in Ireland. He is a member of the Knights Templar Club, and of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Born in New Albany, Penn., March 28, 1878, Noble Miller was the son of John W. and Martha A. Sterigere-Miller. His marriage to Neoski Leetah Donnelly of Oneonta, N. Y., took place in Watervliet, N. Y., October 17, 1901. Hunting and fishing are his favorite forms of recreation, and in literature he prefers scientific works. He received an education in public and private schools of his native town, graduating from high school in 1894. He entered a preparatory school in Towanda, Penn., and the Pennsylvania State College in the electrical engineering course in 1896, from which he graduated with honors in 1900. His first identification, as an electrical engineer in 1900, was with the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N. Y.; in 1901 with the Sprague Electric Company of New York; with the Boston Elevated Railway Company of Boston, from 1902 to 1906, when he entered upon the duties of his present employ with the Consolidated Railway Company, now known as the Connecticut Company of New Haven. He resides at 1584 Chapel Street, New Haven.

CARLETON E. HOADLEY

In the winter of 1892, Noble Hoadley turned his attention to Masonry and first saw Masonic Light in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., located at New Haven; was advanced and exalted in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., by P. E. C. Sir David R. Alling. At the annual election of officers in the commandery, in December, 1893, he was elected warder. From this position he was elected captain general and attended the Triennial in Boston in 1895, in command of the Sir Knights of his commandery as such. In December, 1896, he was elected eminent commander, and during his administration, forty-five companions were knighted. During his administration the order of Malta was conferred in full form by the officers of Washington Commandery of Hartford, being an event that made for the history of New Haven Commandery, a new departure that has been followed in the conferring of this degree upon all candidates each year by succeeding officers. He has received all of the A. A. S. R. degrees in the New Haven bodies, and is a member of Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. On December 27, 1893, he was ennobled in the illustrious Pyramid Temple body, and was elected a representative to the Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S., from Pyramid Temple, in December, 1894. He has been a representative consecutively since that time, attending each session of the Imperial Body, where he now ranks as one of those who have been a member for eighteen years. December 13, 1911, he was elected an honorary illustrious potentate of Pyramid Temple. In the Imperial Body he has served upon several committees at the different sessions attended by him, under appointment of the Imperial Officers. In Pyramid Temple he has held the position of trustee for several years, and is one of the incorporators of the Pyramid Temple Building Corporation. In the official divan he has held the position of illustrious inquisitor by appointment of the illustrious potentate, and now fills that position. He has been able to attend every session of the Imperial Council since 1895, and has contributed to this volume from the many interesting souvenirs in his possession, a photograph of the Imperial Council while in 32d annual session in Chicago. During Noble Hoadley's term of service in the Imperial Council, a new Shrine has been instituted in Connecticut. For many years Pyramid Temple had jurisdiction over the entire State. At a session held in Cleveland, O., a dispensation was granted for the establishment of Sphinx Temple at Hartford. With his fellow representatives at this session Noble Hoadley appeared before the Committee of Dispensation and Charters, in behalf of Pyramid Temple, when the jurisdictional lines were determined, and as a result of their efforts, concurrent jurisdiction was obtained over St. Elmo Commandery of Meriden. Since the institution of the sister Temple, the interests of Shrinedom have been very materially advanced in the Nutmeg State, which is now represented in the Imperial Council by eight delegates. The ancestors of Noble Hoadley have been prominent in Masonry for many years, his great-grandfather, Silas Hoadley, having been one of the charter members of Federal Lodge of Watertown, Conn., organized in 1817. Noble Hoadley is a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and retains his interest in the subordinate bodies of the Scottish Rite in his city, being an officer in one of them. Born in Plymouth, Conn., February 16, 1862, he there resided until 1883, when he removed to Waterbury, and thence to New Haven, where he has since made his home. By profession Noble Hoadley is a lawyer, having graduated from the Yale Law Department in June, 1887. In September, 1893, he was appointed by his Excellency, the late Gov. Luzon B. Morris, county health officer for New Haven County, which position he has held during succeeding administrations, his present term ending July 1, 1914. He has also held several elective positions in the local government, and has been active in many fraternal organizations. He represents the Supreme Council, R. A., as attorney in the State, and is a member of the national body of that organization. He is the senior member of the firm of Hoadley & Thomas, located at 39 Church Street, New Haven, his residence being 71 Lake Place, in that city.

EMIL MANNWEILER

Secretary and treasurer of the Naugatuck Malleable Iron Company of Naugatuck, Conn., is a 32° Mason, and affiliated with Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M.; Evening Star R. A. Chapter No. 47; Union Council No. 27, of Royal and Select Masters; New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, and on May 13, 1909, he was received into the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through the Pyramid Temple body, his membership number being 2259. His other fraternal associations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Mechanics Lodge No. 73; Rebekahs, Lodge No. 5, and the Order of the Eastern Star, in Olive Chapter No. 26, all in Seymour. Noble Mannweiler was born in Seymour, Conn., July 29, 1875, and resides in Naugatuck.

A. J. Frost

D. S. Miller

Carleton E. Hoadley

Henry H. Lee

E. Mannweiler

JOHN G. SHARES

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 27, 1895 with enrollment 1158, was Masonically qualified in Day Spring Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Quinnipiack Club, and served his town, on the Republican side, as a member of the Legislature in 1897. Since 1900, he has been treasurer of the American Rivet Company, manufacturers of specialties, and for sixteen years, prior to that date, was engaged in the manufacture of brick. Noble Shares was born in North Haven, Conn., October 2, 1867, receiving an education in the public schools of Hamden, New Haven, and the Oberlin Business College of Oberlin, O. His father was Horace P. Shares, and his mother is Charlotte Ives Shares. He was married to Codie M. Munson of Hamden, on May 2, 1889, but she passed away May 30, 1910, leaving a son, Lester M. Noble Shares is a member of the Congregational Church. He is fond of outdoor sports, especially baseball, and is an ex-member of Company F of the 2d Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, better known as the "New Haven Grays." His business address is New Haven, and he makes his home in Hamden.

FRED ATWATER

Ordained a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 8, 1911, with enrollment 2353, has Masonic connections in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and in the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory, in which he became a 32° Mason. He is a member of the Algonquin, Brooklawn Country, Bridgeport Yacht, and Seaside Outing Clubs, all of Bridgeport. In politics a Democrat, he has served his city since 1908 as city commissioner. He is treasurer of the Columbia Nut and Bolt Company, and has been since its organization in 1903. He was in the employ of the Bridgeport Malleable Iron Company 1887-99 and with the Burns and Bassick Company, 1899-1902. Noble Atwater was born in Birmingham, Conn., now Derby, on December 28, 1870, and received a public school education in Bridgeport. His parents are Henry and Josephine Wells Atwater, the former of New Haven, and the latter of New York. He was married in Naples, N. Y., October 24, 1894, to June Lyon of that place, and they have two daughters, Henrietta and Louise. In religious faith they are Episcopalians. Baseball and boating are his favorite outdoor sports. His business address is 1556 Railroad Avenue, Bridgeport, and he also resides in that city at 454 Colorado Avenue.

LEROY SUNDERLAND WHITE

Entered the Unseen Temple on Friday, February 17, 1911. He was president of the Electrical Appliance Manufacturing Company of Waterbury at the time of his demise, and for seventeen years, from 1857, superintendent of the manufacturing plant of Roger and Brothers, also for a period of ten years, from 1874, superintendent for Brown and Brothers. While at the former place, he invented the first machine for burnishing flat silverware, and when with the latter company, he built a machine for making copper hot water boilers. Also while at Brown and Brothers, he took out about fifty patents, including the Bertholdi electric lighting gas burner, and in his 81st year he invented and patented an oven thermometer, now being extensively used on ovens in stoves and ranges. He was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 22, 1892, his enrollment therein being 868, having previously qualified Masonically through affiliation with Continental Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 22, and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., all in Waterbury. Noble White was a Republican, and in 1871 was elected and served his city as alderman. He was born in Springfield, Mass., May 14, 1828. His father was Preserved White, also native of Springfield, and born April 27, 1789, and his mother was Lucinda Rice White of Ludlow, Mass. Noble White was married in Brattleboro, Vt., April 24, 1852, to Sarah Jane De Lancey, daughter of William and Betsey Herrick De Lancey, and the children of their marriage are: Emma Lizzie Mintie, born March 26, 1855; Jennie Carlton Lane, September 7, 1864, and Edith Sunderland Goodenough, June 22, 1870. He was an attendant at the Congregational Church of his home city, though not of its membership. Many of his most cherished friends were professional men and men of science, who were always glad of an opportunity to listen to him. He had an unusual store of information to draw upon that made his conversation valuable and interesting to everyone, and with his wide knowledge of men and affairs, he combined a generous and kindly nature that made him enjoy helping others, especially in the working out of problems in electricity, science, chemistry or mechanics.

MORRIS B. BEARDSLEY

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 24, 1884, with membership 67, received his York Rite degrees from Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past junior warden; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., having served that body as recorder. He has also received all of the A. A. S. R. degrees, including the thirty-second from Lafayette Consistory. The University, Brooklawn, and Sea Side Outing Clubs all claim his membership. Noble Beardsley was born in Trumbull, Conn., August 13, 1849, attended the public schools in his native town, and prepared for college at Stratford Academy. His father was Samuel G. Beardsley, and his mother is Mary Beach Beardsley of Trumbull. He was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 5, 1873, to Lucy Fayerweather, and they have three children: Samuel F., also a member of the Pyramid fold; Lucy B., now the wife of Emile C. Canning, and Amelia L. His religious affiliations are Congregational. He served as city clerk, 1874-76; 1877-93 was judge of Probate Court, and he has also served on the Board of Education. Noble Beardsley has been engaged in the practice of law from 1872, having graduated from Yale University in 1870. In 1897 he received his son, Noble Samuel F. Beardsley, who is also an attorney-at-law, into partnership with him. Their law offices are at 164 State Street, Bridgeport, and his residence, 230 Park Place.

SAMUEL F. BEARDSLEY

No. 1218 in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to its nobility, on April 22, 1897, having previously made his Masonic connections with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also enrolled as a member of the Brooklawn Country Club, University, Sea Side, and Sea Side Outing Clubs, and of the Bridgeport Yacht Club. Noble Beardsley was born in Bridgeport, Conn., April 17, 1874, and attended both public and private schools of Bridgeport, graduating from the academical department of Yale University in 1895, and from the law department in 1897. His parents are Morris B. and Lucy Jane Fayerweather Beardsley. Traveling and the reading of good fiction are his favorite pastimes. His political convictions are Republican. Engaged in the practice of law since 1897, he was at that time taken into partnership with his father, Noble Morris B. Beardsley, whose business associate he now is, their office being at 164 State Street, Bridgeport. He also has his home with his parents at 230 Park Place, Bridgeport.

John O. Shares.

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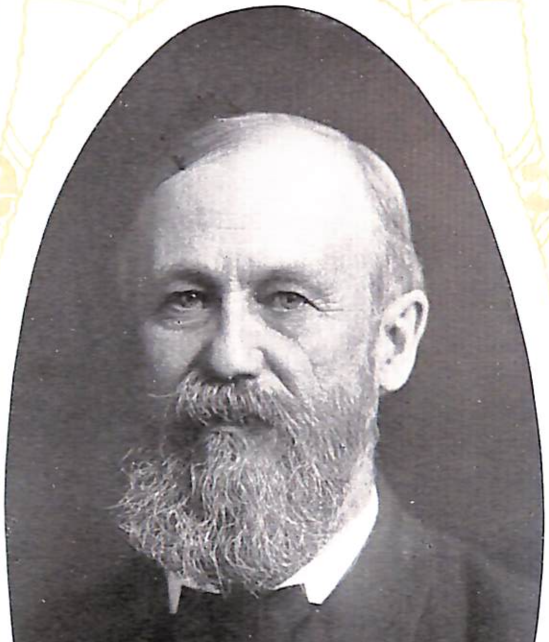

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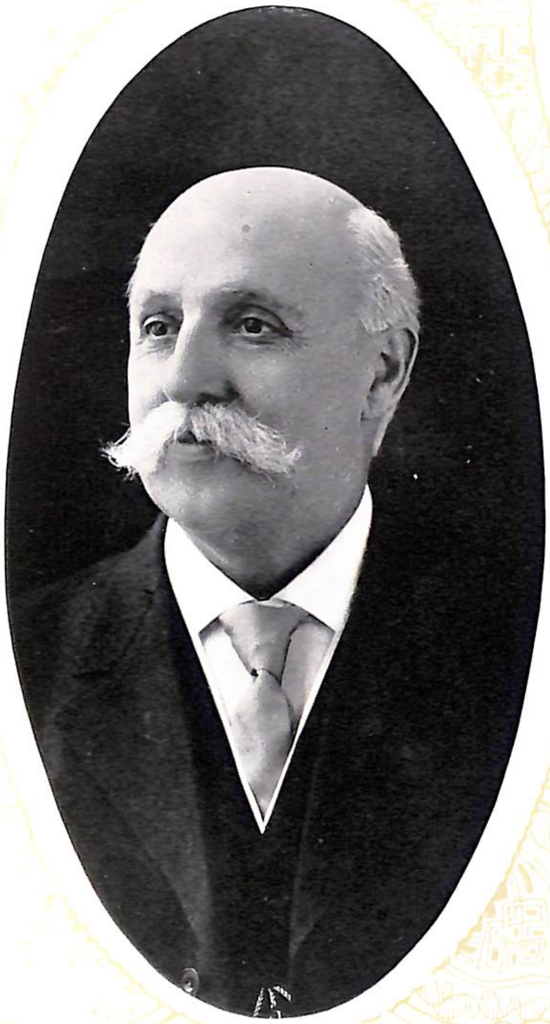

Morris B. Beardsley.

Samuel F. Beardsley

ALBERT EUGENE BELCHER

A wide experience in business has been that of Noble Belcher of Pyramid Temple. He has had a part in several big enterprises, among them the first experiments in 1884, of The American Bell Telephone Company, in long-distance telephoning between New York and Boston, their headquarters being in Bridgeport; also in the building of the first telephone line between New York and Philadelphia in 1886-7. Previously he was with the C. D. Lincoln Company of North Raynham, Mass., and for three years foreman for The A. E. Stetson Company, of Walpole, Mass., dealers in mill supplies. In 1882, he was with H. Lewis & Company, manufacturers of bookbinders' board, also in Walpole.

In 1887 he was with the Union Switch & Signal Company of Swissvale, Penn., when they installed the first block signals on the Erie Railroad, and afterward, in 1888, on the New York Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. He remained electrician for this road until March, 1892, severing that connection to go with the Johnson Railroad Signal Company of Rahway, N. J., as superintendent of electrical work. They were engaged in the installation of block signals on the New York Central Railroad, the Shore Line, & Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and on the Long Island Railroad.

Since January 7, 1896, he has been a foreman with the American Graphophone Company of Bridgeport, and for fifteen years was engaged in graphophone record-making, but is now in charge of recorder and reproducer assembling. As a Mason, Noble Belcher is enrolled in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He became a member of Pyramid Temple, May 18, 1892, his card bearing number 898. He is also affiliated with Joseph Dowell Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Born in Walpole, Mass., September 28, 1859, the son of Albert and Nancy McKeene Belcher, he attended the public schools of his home town, and graduated from the Walpole high school in 1877.

In 1892, he was married to Eleanor Wray, daughter of Rev. George and Margaret Wray of Bishop Auckland, Eng.

Noble Belcher attends the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with the Republican Party. He is a reader of fiction, and works of travel, also finds enjoyment in baseball, cycling, and all outdoor sports.

He resides in Bridgeport, at 1165 Broad Street.

JOHN P. DALGLIESH

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of 1911, his membership card bearing number 2344. His Masonic qualification was attained in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; in the Scottish Rite bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven.

Noble Dalgliesh is of Scottish origin, having been born in Selkirkshire, May 26, 1855. He attended the public schools there, in his native shire, later receiving additional training in Edinburgh, where he graduated from a collegiate course. His wife, to whom he was married in Selkirk, on June 25, 1880, was Margaret G. Cunningham of same nativity. They reside in New Haven, at 110 Avon Street, and his firm, the Sperry and Treat Company, for whom he has been superintendent of their building and contracting since 1890, have their business headquarters at 39 Church Street, New Haven.

E. STEWART SUMNER

For lo, these many years, Noble E. Stewart Sumner has been recorder of Pyramid Temple, in which he faced the Moslem test June 18, 1881. He was born in Great Barrington, Mass., December 7, 1855, the son of Samuel B. Sumner and Georgiana Davis. He has devoted much of his life to Masonry, and is single, living at 129 Wall Street, Bridgeport. He is a member of St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters, and of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. In the Scottish Rite, he is a faithful member of Lafayette Consistory and the allied bodies. Everybody knows Recorder Sumner, and of his fidelity to Masonry. He is so much a part of it that the history of those bodies, and especially of the Shrine, is a history of Noble Stewart Sumner.

CHARLES A. ALTMAN

Photographer in New Haven, where he has been located for the past fifteen years, is a 32° Mason, and member of Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, into which he was received through Pyramid Temple, on November 27, 1905, his membership card in that order bearing No. 1918, which is also the order of his enrollment in that body. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club and is likewise allied with the Improved Order of Red Men, in Opecancanough Tribe No. 163, in Columbus, O., and with the Woodmen of the World in Cedar Camp No. 1.

Noble Altman was born May 7, 1872, in Columbus, O., and received an education in the public schools of his native city. His father was Emanuel Phyllander Altman, an Ohioan by birth, and his mother is Anna Martha Schloeffel Altman, also native of Columbus. He was married December 24, 1891, to Miss Rosalia Henrietta Ebe, whose home city was also Columbus.

His photographic studio is at 1101 Chapel Street.

EDWARD J. POOLEY

Senior warden in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; king in Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; thrice illustrious master in Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and most puissant grand master of Grand Council of Connecticut, R. & S. M.; received the templar orders in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., and is a member of the following Scottish Rite bodies: E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. He was created a Shriner in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 28, 1910, with enrollment 2326. He is in the nickel and silverware business with Manning, Bowman and Company. Noble Pooley is the son of James and Mary Trewhella Pooley, both from Cornwall, Eng., and he was born in Cheshire, Conn., February 17, 1863, where he received an education. On May 10, 1899, he was married to Ida I. Golden, daughter of E. P. and Irene A. Colvin Golden of Meriden. They have three children: James E., born September 18, 1900; Edward G., May 23, 1903, and Ada N., May 20, 1905. Noble Pooley is affiliated with the Baptist denomination, although nurtured in the Episcopal faith. His home is at 596 Broad Street, Meriden, and his firm is located on Pratt Street, Meriden.

Albert E Belcher

John Dalgliesh

C. Stewart Sumner

Charles A. Altman

E. J. Pooley

GEORGE W. F. GILLETTE

President and treasurer of the Gillette Construction Company, from 1908, is a 32° Mason, and was created a noble of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1900, with enrollment 1385. He is a past master in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; high priest in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; was received and greeted in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and received his Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Gillette is a well-known clubman, holding membership in the Knights Templar, Masonic, Elks, Union League, and Graduates' Clubs of New Haven; the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport, and the Yale Club of New York. He is also allied with the New Haven Elks in Lodge No. 25, and is a member of the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard in Connecticut. Noble Gillette is a native of New Haven, and was born on Christmas Day, 1873. He received an education in his home city, graduating from the high school in 1893, and from Yale University in 1896. He is the son of Wilbur F. Gillette, a native Ohioan, and Amelia Rice Gillette of New Haven. On June 5, 1897, he was married in New York City, to Bertha King Curtiss. They have one son, George Curtiss, born February 23, 1898. He resides at 9 Eld Street, New Haven, and his business address is 902 Chapel Street, New Haven.

WILLIAM KONOLD

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 25, 1891, and is therein enrolled 709. He gives his allegiance, in York Rite Masonry, to Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. In Scottish Rite Masonry, his allegiance is given to the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, which is his home consistory. As a citizen, he upholds the principles of Republicanism. He was formerly engaged in mercantile business, both in Collinsville and New Haven. Noble Konold was the son of Valentine and Ernestine Fischer Konold, both having been natives of Germany, where he, too, was born, April 11, 1837. He has been twice married: His first wife having been Carrie Bryce of Portage City, Wis., daughter of Archibald and Jeanette Bryce. She left two children, Jennie M. and Harry A., to brighten his home. His second marriage was to Mary J. Tooth of Wallingford, daughter of Charles and Emma Harrison Tooth. Noble Konold is of the Lutheran faith. His home is at 240 Clinton Avenue, New Haven.

GEORGE E. CRAWFORD

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, and connected with both York and Scottish Rite bodies of that city, including Lafayette Consistory, first saw Masonic light in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., where he was entered, passed and raised; was exalted in Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; received his cryptic degrees in Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and on April 9, 1906, was received in the nobility of the A. A. O. N. M. S., through the portals of Pyramid Temple, his enrollment being 1965. He was also elected high priest and prophet in that illustrious body in 1910, and assistant rabban in 1911.

Noble Crawford was born in Wales, Mass., July 15, 1867, and attended the public schools of his native town, also Nichols Academy of Dudley, Mass. His parents were Ossian and Lavinia Shepard Crawford. He was married December 21, 1894, to Ida Hawes, daughter of Jacob and Laura Bliss Hawes, and they have three children.

His clubs are the Algonquin, Calumet, and Bridgeport. He is fond of all outdoor sports, and his politics are Democratic. In 1909, he was appointed a member of the Fire Board, of which he was elected president the succeeding year. He is a director of the Bridgeport Business Men's Association, and though identified with several business concerns, the major portion of his time is spent in the interests of the Crawford Laundry Company, of which he is president and treasurer.

His business address is 435 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, and he resides at 324 Wood Avenue.

GEORGE J. HEYDECKER

Received his thirty-second Masonic A. A. S. R. degree in Connecticut Consistory, A. P. R. S., in 1891, having been raised in Relief Lodge No. 71, in 1882; exalted in Trinity Chapter No. 9, in Willimantic in 1889, and admitted to the ninth arch in Olive Branch Council No. 10, in Willimantic, the same year. He is a retired merchant, the associations of home, friendship and business clustering around the Mystic Town of Connecticut. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, having been so created on March 3, 1890, when, a footsore and weary pilgrim, he crossed the burning sands, to reach the sacred precincts of Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, there to receive the coveted blessings of Allah, and be inducted into its mysteries. Noble Heydecker is a member of the Norwich bodies of the Scottish Rite, was knighted in Columbian Commandery No. 4, K. T., in Norwich, in 1890; is serving as sentinel of Mystic Council No. 9, R. & S. M.; as tyler in Benevolence Chapter No. 21, R. A. M., and is a past master and present tyler in Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72, F. & A. M. He is both very musical and optimistic, and was for many years drum major of the Mystic Cornet Band. He is also a gallant fireman of the town of Mystic, and a member of the Mystic Hook and Ladder Company. His father was George A. Heydecker, native of Bavaria, and his mother is Mary B. Miller Heydecker, from Wittenburg, both of German birth and ancestry. As good fortune would have it, however, Noble Heydecker was born in Mystic, Conn., March 5, 1856, and his Mystic Shrine number is 586.

LOUIS KUTSCHER, JR.

Past president of the Arab Patrol, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1901, his enrollment therein being 1492. His Masonic connections are with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also affiliated with S. H. Harris Lodge No. 99, of the I. O. O. F., and with P. T. Barnum Lodge No. 53, K. of P., having been its first master of finance for one and a half years, when the lodge was instituted. He, likewise, holds membership in the Algonquin, Calumet, and Sea Side Outing Clubs.

His political views are with the Democratic party, which elected him to the Board of Aldermen in 1895-96.

Noble Kutscher was born in New York City, April 16, 1868, and attended the public schools of Bridgeport, graduating from the high school in 1887. He is the son of Louis Kutscher, Sr., and Helen Droege Kutscher. His marriage to Flora L. Weber, daughter of Robert and Helena Kohler Weber, was celebrated in Bridgeport, April 20, 1897. Their three children are: Louis F., Robert W., and Flora N. Boating, autoing, and the reading of scientific literature are his favorite pastimes.

From 1896 he has been president of the Hartmann Brewing Company, the business of which is conducted at 224 Hallam Street, Bridgeport. The six years previous to his present connection, he was a member of the firm of Kutscher Bros., of Bridgeport. His residence is in Bridgeport, on Beach and Maple Streets.

Geo. H. F. Gillette

William Korwold

Geo E Crawford

Geo. J. Heydecker

Louis Kutscher Jr.

VICTOR A. KOWALEWSKI, M. D.

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on November 27, 1905, with enrollment 1905, was admitted to that illustrious body through the medium of his Masonic connections with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., of Bridgeport; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, R. A. M., of West Haven; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., of New Haven, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Kowalewski was born in Bridgeport, Conn., October 6, 1873, and attended the public schools of New Haven, graduating from the classical course of the Hillhouse High School in 1895; from the academic course in Yale in 1899, and from the Yale Medical School in 1902. While in college he was business manager of the Yale Medical Journal, from July, 1900, to June, 1902. After his graduation from Yale, he entered the Bridgeport General Hospital, and finishing his service there, he located in West Haven, on July 25, 1903, where he is engaged in general practice, in addition to being medical examiner for the town of Orange, and physician and surgeon to the West Haven Fire Department. His father, Josef Kowalewski, was born in Poland, and his mother, Elizabeth Eberhardt Kowalewski, was a native of Switzerland. He was married in New Haven, October 14, 1903, to Mabel E. Lane of that city, and they have three children: Victor A., Jr., Frederick L., and Helen E. They are attendants at the West Haven Congregational Church. Dr. Kowalewski's address is 597 Campbell Avenue, West Haven.

PETER JEROME, JR.

A 32° Mason of New London, and life member in Pyramid Temple, with membership 2155, was received in that illustrious body on December 9, 1907. His York Rite degrees came from Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M.; Union Chapter No. 7, R. A. M.; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T. He has also taken all of the degrees of the A. A. S. R., in the Norwich bodies; is connected with the Elks and Eagles, and holds membership in the Nameaugh Boat Club, Entre-Nous Club, the Konomac Hose Company, Pequot Wheel and Jibboom Clubs, Country Rod and Gun Club, and East Lynne Gun Club. Noble Jerome was born in West Boylston, Mass., June 7, 1874, receiving an education in Leicester Academy of Leicester, Mass.; Becker Business College of Worcester, Mass., and Gaffey Shorthand School of New Haven. In 1899, he was married in New London to Isabella Palmer. They have one son, Palmer F., born June 15, 1903. Autoing and hunting are the favorite diversions of Noble Jerome. His first business experience was seven years spent in the office of the silk manufactory of the Brainerd and Armstrong Company, when he entered the employ of the S. & S. Beef Company, as salesman, in which he continued four years, until 1904, and then started the dairy lunch located on Golden Street New London, of which he is proprietor. His residence is at No. 26 Tilly Street, and Ocean Beach, New London.

BENJAMIN W. COLLINS

Of Meriden, was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 24, 1896, his enrollment being 186. He sought Masonry when a young man, and was entered passed and raised in Center Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27, gave him the capitular degrees; the cryptic degrees came from Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and he was knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. He received his Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He also holds membership in the Home and Highland Clubs, and was a selectman and member of the Meriden School Board. He is, likewise, a director of the Meriden Cutlery Company, and of the Home National Bank, and president of the Meriden Braid Company. Since 1896, he has been president of the Meriden Grain and Feed Company, prior to that, for a quarter of a century, having been engaged in the raising of Jersey cattle. Noble Collins was born in Meriden, Conn., April 1, 1859, and attended the public schools in his native place. Aaron L. and Silvia White Collins were his parents, the former, native of Meriden, and the latter, of Middlefield. His marriage to Sophy L. Northrope, daughter of Lucian and Martha J. Dickerman Northrope of West Haven, was celebrated in New Haven, March 5, 1897. They have one daughter, Betsey, born October 9, 1902. He attends the Congregational Church, and in politics his adherence is to the principles of the Republican Party. He conducts the business of his company at 41 South Colony Street, and his home is at 450 East Main Street.

MARTIN G. LESCHKE

Initiated as a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 8, 1911, and enrolled 2365; received his Masonic degrees from Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his A. A. S. R. degrees from E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs of New Haven, and of the Knights of Pythias of West Haven. Noble Leschke was born April 11, 1862, in Sommerfield, Ger., and was there educated in the public schools. His parents were Herman and Wilhemina Wuschack Leschke. He was married October 2, 1883, in Sommerfield, Ger., to Mary Emma Leuschner of that place, and they have four children: George H., Katherine W., Emma Martha, and Joseph Alfred. They are believers in the Lutheran faith. His political affiliations are Republican, and he has served sixteen years as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department of his town. He has been in the shoe business for thirty-five years, and the last twenty in West Haven, being located at the corner of Campbell Avenue and Main Street. His residence is 122 Clark Street, West Haven.

J. RUDOLPH LAUBSCHER

Of Bridgeport, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., June 24, 1870. The late J. Rudolph Laubscher, Sr., and Mary E. Strasburger Laubscher are his parents. He received an education in the public schools of his home city. His marriage to Elizabeth I. Wilson of South Norwalk, daughter of Moses H. and Rebecca Platt Sammis Wilson, was celebrated in that city, May 14, 1907. Noble Laubscher was brought up in the Episcopal Church and adheres to that faith.

His business is that of cashier for T. Hawley and Company, having been appointed to that position in 1910. He had previously been interested in the hardware business.

He is a 32° Mason, and was first brought to light in Masonry in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; was advanced and exalted in Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13, which he served as high priest; received and greeted in Jerusalem Council No. 16, of Royal and Select Masters, and granted knighthood in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the four Bridgeport bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. Through the medium of his consistory, on December 10, 1900, he was duly received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, his membership in that body by order of his enrollment being 1500. He subsequently became a member of the Pyramid Arab Patrol, and is now a past Arab.

His business address is 549 Water Street, and he resides at 630 Kossuth Street.

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Martin Leschke

Benj. H. Collins

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J. Rudolph Lautscher

HARRISON EDWARD PURDY

Of Derby, has been president of the Purdy Drug Company since 1904, a business which he started in that year. Noble Purdy was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., September 19, 1875, and received an elementary education in the New York public schools, graduating from the high school course in Derby. His parents, both Congregationalists, are Edward J. and Eleanor Miller Purdy, the former of Brooklyn, and the latter of New York. He is also a Congregationalist. On June 10, 1903, he was married to Anna Bell Bradley of Derby. They have one daughter, Eleanor Bradley, born August 22, 1904. Baseball is his favorite sport.

He is a 32° Mason, and his Masonic affiliations are with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35; Union Council No. 31, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. Besides his Masonic connections, he is a member of Pyramid Temple, to which he was admitted in 1898, his membership number being 1257. The Purdy Drug Company's location is 68 Elizabeth Street, Derby, and Noble Purdy's residence is at 40 Seymour Avenue.

HERMAN HESS

Town and city clerk of Meriden, since 1887, received his Masonic degrees in Center Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, where he is a past commander. He entered the Order of the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid Temple, on May 18, 1893, his enrollment therein being 904. He is also fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F., in Meriden Center Lodge No. 68; with the Knights of Pythias, in Myrtle Lodge No. 4; Foresters' Court, in Meriden Lodge No. 42, and with the Elks, in Meriden Lodge No. 35. Noble Hess is interested in club life, and belongs to the Home, Colonial, and Highland Country Clubs. Prior to entering the work in which he has been engaged from January 1, 1887, he was five years bookkeeper for the Meriden Malleable Iron Company, and previous to that, another five years was spent in the freight and ticket offices of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company. His first business experience of five years having been with W. H. Babb and Company, 1872-77. His parents, Frederick and Johanna Yobke Hess, were both born on German soil, but he is an American, having been born in Meriden, April 4, 1861. Most of his life has also been spent there. On May 29, 1883, he was married to Eugenia D. Pomeroy, daughter of Norman W. and Ruth Ann Norwood of Meriden. They have one son, Raymond P., born October 30, 1889. His business address is, Town Hall, Room 3, Meriden, and he resides at 98 Lincoln Street, same city.

ALBERT E. WINCHESTER

A public-spirited, popular citizen of South Norwalk, and prominent electrician, was a member of the Edison Engineering Department from 1886 to the early nineties, and connected with the Mexican Central Railroad from 1881 to 1883; electrical commissioner of South Norwalk for almost ten years, having been elected to that post in 1893; chief of the South Norwalk Fire Department, 1906-07; city electrical engineer from 1903 to the present time; is president of the Westport Water Company, since 1897, and also general superintendent of the South Norwalk Electrical Works, which position he now fills; in 1906 was one of the commissioners of the National Civic Federation on Public Utilities, from United States to England; is a director of the Norwalk Building Loan Association, and holds a certificate of full membership in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

He knocked at the door of Masonry in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; received his capitular degrees from Butler Royal Arch Chapter No. 38; his cryptic degrees from Washington Council No. 5, R. & S. M., and was created a Knight Templar in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., and through the medium of the latter, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 1, 1906, with enrollment 2009. His other fraternal attachments are the Elks, in Lodge No. 709, Norwalk; Royal Arcanum, in Sherman Council No. 1342; Red Men of Uncas Tribe No. 26; Heptasophs, of South Norwalk Conclave No. 418; South Norwalk Fire Department; the Connecticut Fire Chiefs' Club; the South Norwalk Club; Norwalk Country Club, and the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

Noble Winchester is of both New England and Southern ancestry, being a direct descendant of colonial Governor Belcher. He was born in Marietta, O., on April 19, 1867, the son of Theodore H. and Anna Maud Jackson Winchester, the former of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the latter of Danby, N. Y., both deceased.

His father was an artist, an editor, and an inventor, and his mother, though an invalid for many years, devoted herself to literary and educational work almost until her death in 1911. He has been twice married: October 24, 1888, to Carrie A. D. Whitlock; and February 1, 1896, to Elizabeth G. Bray of Red Bank, N. J., daughter of D. H. and Stella C. (Van Shocük) Bray. Their children are: Herbert D., born July 30, 1900, and Edward V. S., July 8, 1901. His favorite pastimes are public work, writing, travel and music.

His business address is, South Norwalk Electric Works, South Norwalk, and he also resides in that city.

CLARENCE M. NEWCOMB

Received into the fold of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and therein created a noble on November 22, 1909, with enrollment number 2274, is a 32° Mason, and affiliated with Center Lodge No 97, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of the Home Club of Meriden, and of the Exchange Club of Honesdale, Penn. Noble Newcomb was born in Meriden, Conn., in 1875, and was educated in the public schools of his home city. There, too, he was married on June 29, 1906, to Abbie V. Hall, of that city, where, too, they have their home—at 35 Kensington Avenue.

ULYSSES GRANT ERICSON

A noble in Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, was admitted to that body on December 9, 1907, with enrollment 2142. He had previously attained Masonic membership in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He is also a member of the organization of the Junior Mechanics, and vice president of the Fellow Craft Club. His business has been that of a hatter since 1897, his present connection with the National Hat Company dating from 1903. Noble Ericson was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 4, 1873, his parents being Charles M. and Josephine Kirkwood Ericson, the former, native of Norway, and the latter, of Scotch-Irish descent, and born in Manayunk, Penn. They are attendants at the Congregational Church. His education was acquired in the public schools of Danbury, and he also pursued a course of study in the Stillman Business College. Baseball and all outdoor sports are very alluring to him. He makes his home with his parents at 13 Grandview Avenue, Danbury.

Harrison E. Purdy.

Herman Hess

Albert E. Winchester

Clarence M. Newcomb

U. Grant Ericson

GEORGE C. PHELPS

A 32° Mason of New Haven and for more than forty years, since 1870, a photographer in that city, is president of the Knights Templar Club in New Haven; past master in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; member of Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., New Haven; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. His Shrine attachment dates from December 27, 1899, when as a duly qualified Mason he crossed the burning sands, entered Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and was therein enrolled 1363.

JOHN C. CRABB

Another wandering son of the desert, after a perilous journey across the hot sands, reached the oasis of Bridgeport, and was duly admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with its joys and privileges, on January 30, 1896, and was therein enrolled 1152. His Masonic affiliations are with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has also received the several A. A. R. S. degrees from the New Haven bodies, and his thirty-second from Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, of which he is a member. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar Club, and holds membership in Hamonassett Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men, the Country, and Quinnipiack Clubs. Noble Crabb was born in Flatbush, Long Island, N. Y., July 29, 1864, and was educated in the New Haven public schools. He is of English parentage, and was the son of John C. and Caroline Gardner Crabb. Becoming interested in photography in 1881, over thirty years ago, he entered that field of endeavor in the Phelps Studio, of 942 Chapel Street, New Haven, where he has since been employed. He also resides in New Haven, at 245 Orchard Street.

WILLIAM C. WILE, A. M., M. D., LL. D.

Received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 27, 1889, with enrollment 389, is a 32° Mason, and belongs to Lafayette Consistory, likewise to the three other Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, and to the four bodies of the York Rite in Danbury, being past surgeon general in his commandery, Knights Templar. He is also past surgeon general in the Grand Army of the Republic, past medical director, likewise past post commander. His club memberships include the Lotos Club of New York, the Auto Club of America, Danbury and Country Clubs of Danbury, and the Danbury Automobile Club. His political preference is for Republicanism. He served as medical examiner of Newtown, from the first enactment of the law until 1886. He was also appointed to a similar post in Danbury, in 1888, and for ten years fulfilled the duties of that office. In 1889, the degree of A. M., was conferred on him by Center College of Kentucky, and the degree of LL. D., by Rutherford College of North Carolina. Noble Wile first saw light of day in Pleasant Valley, N. Y., on January 23, 1847, and received his schooling in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., entering the army as a private, in the 150th Dutchess County Regiment of New York Volunteers, when but fifteen years of age, being the youngest man in his regiment carrying a musket, and served two years and eight months, until the close of the war. He was in that famous march with Sherman, from Atlanta to the Sea. Subsequently graduating from the Medical Department of the University of New York, for the past twenty-nine years he has been editor of the New England Medical Monthly. He has also been vice-president of the American Medical Association; president of the American Medical Editors' Association; vice-president of the Connecticut Medical Society, and for two years president of the Fairfield Medical Society, also president of the Danbury Medical Society, and member of the British Association. His parents were Rev. Benjamin Franklin Wile, and Bettie Buckley Wile, the former, native of Philadelphia, Penn., and the latter of English nativity. He was married in Brunswick, N. J., in 1871, to Eliza Scott Garrison, whose demise occurred in September, 1884. She was the daughter of John Garrison and Sarah Guelick Garrison of New York. Six years later he was married to Hattie Adele Loomis of New Haven, daughter of Clark M. and Harriet Down Loomis, of that city. His only daughter, Alice B., was born December 2, 1873. Fishing and autoing are his favorite pastimes. His offices are 37-39 Foster Street, Danbury, and he also resides in Danbury, at 153 Deer Hill Avenue.

HENRY H. BRADLEY

Received in the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple No. 8, on April 25, 1904, and was therein enrolled 1733. His preparatory Masonic degrees were attained in Adelphi Lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., in which he is thrice illustrious master, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., where he is serving as third guard. His Scottish Rite bodies are: E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar Club. Noble Bradley was born in East Haven, Conn., July 19, 1866, and was there educated and in New Haven. His father was Henry P. Bradley, and his mother is Maria Farren Bradley, native of East Haven. Annie Thompson of East Haven, became his wife on October 10, 1889, their marriage having taken place in their home town. They have two children: Eric Thompson and Lillian Herbert, and they are religiously affiliated with the Congregational body. In 1908 he was appointed town treasurer of East Haven, and since 1898 he has been the secretary of The F. C. Bushnell Company, located at 221 Water Street, New Haven. He resides in East Haven.

JACOB WILLIAM GRENINGER

Of Bridgeport, was born of German parentage, in New York City, October 9, 1856. In his youth, the family moved to Bridgeport, where he attended the public schools, there receiving an education. His father was Elias Greninger, and his mother's maiden name was Katherine R. Hildebrand.

Noble Greninger was married, December 18, 1881, to Caroline M. Metzger, daughter of Ehrich and Johanna Frey Metzger of Bridgeport. They have six children: David E., born August 3, 1883; Samuel W., September 18, 1885; Louise C., October 20, 1887; William S., November 7, 1889; Jennie C., October 26, 1896, and Mary S., April 7, 1898. He began his business life with his father, who was engaged in the meat business. Three years later, in 1880, with his brother, William Frederick David Greninger, he established their own baking business, which they now conduct jointly. His connection with Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., dates from February 23, 1885, when Pyramid was in its comparative infancy, his enrollment being the 125th. His previous Masonic qualifications were attained in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, from which he received his thirty-second degree. Of sports, Noble Greninger is especially fond of swimming. He served his city as member of the Council in 1884. His business location and residence are both at 241 Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport.

Geo C Phelps

John C Crabb

William C Wile M.D

Henry H. Bradley

J.W. Greninger

CHARLES E. BRISTOL

In the fire and general insurance business since 1896, is a resident of Ansonia, Conn., and was born there, October 17, 1873, receiving an education in the public schools of his home city, Phillips Exeter Academy of Exeter, N. H., and Yale University. His father was Charles E. Bristol, Sr., native of Ansonia, and his mother was Frances E. Bartho'mew of same nativity. He was married in New York City, September 7, 1905, to Bertha M. Kirkham. They have two sons: Charles Nathan, born August 18, 1906, and Norman Kirkham, August 19, 1908. He was brought up in the Congregational Church, and adheres to that faith. Noble Bristol was brought to light in Masonry, in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35; admitted to the ninth arch in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. Thus equipped, he gained admission to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and was duly initiated into its mysteries, becoming a noble in that body on December 12, 1904, his enrollment therein being 1720.

He resides at 204 Wakelee Street, and his business address is 100 Main Street, Ansonia.

ELI GLEDHILL

Secretary and treasurer of The Mystic Manufacturing Company for the past fourteen years from 1897, received his Masonic degrees in Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72, A. F. & A. M.; Mystic Benevolence Chapter No. 21, R. A. M.; Mystic Council No. 29, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T. Following which, he was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 9, 1907, with enrollment No. 2160. He is also affiliated with the Odd Fellows in Stonington Lodge No. 26, and holds membership in the Mystic Club. Politically, Noble Gledhill is a Republican, and served his town as first selectman 1901-04, and represented Stonington in the House, 1906-07. His former business connection of five years, 1892-97, was in the capacity of designer for the New England Mills, of Rockville, Conn., manufacturers of worsted goods.

His parents were Ingham and Sarah Calverly Gledhill of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, Eng., where he was born, August 15, 1866. He obtained an education in public day and night schools of that place, and concluded his studies there in a technical college. In England, on March 1, 1890, he was married to Martha Haigh. His present wife is Agnes Glasser of Rockville, to whom he was married, November 13, 1894. His three children are: Winifred, born October 15, 1890; Marjorie, February 28, 1901, and Ernest, May 26, 1905. His business location is in the town of Mystic, and he also resides in Mystic.

HERBERT M. KNAPP

An unusual experience came to Noble Herbert M. Knapp of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. Mystic Shrine, when, a few years ago, he visited Jerusalem, and had the privilege, in company with a number of other Masons from the United States, of attending a meeting conducted by the local lodge held in the Quarries of Solomon, which are under Jerusalem, and in the very room in which, according to tradition, King Hiram inaugurated the Masonic Order. Noble Knapp cherishes the memory of that visit, and a picture of the party, showing a portion of the wall of Jerusalem and the entrance to the quarries, is among the illustrations in this volume. Noble Knapp was for a number of years connected with the Pequonnock National Bank of Bridgeport, Conn. He has been a member of the firm of Burr & Knapp, of 923 Main Street, Bridgeport, for more than thirty years, and is now president of the Georgia Loan and Trust Company, of Macon, Ga. He was born in Fairfield, Conn., the son of Rufus and Caroline Trubee Knapp, both of Fairfield. His father was a sea captain, whose ship, the "Leviathan," was lost on its way to England. He was educated in the Fairfield Academy and the Winchester Institute of Winchester Center, this State. On February 5, 1895, he was married to Miss E. Louise Faxon of Philadelphia, daughter of Nathan Smith and Elizabeth Prescott Faxon. He is one of the early members of Pyramid Temple, having entered its sacred precincts on May 25, 1891, his Shrine number being 714. Masonically, he is a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. The Sea Side and Brooklawn Country Clubs, and the Bridgeport Yacht Club, also claim his membership, and he is, politically, a Republican. His home is at 85 Park Place, Bridgeport.

GEORGE F. FOOTE

Born in South Norwalk, Conn., March 27, 1876, son of the late David L. Foote, native of Hartford, and Mary A. White Foote of South Norwalk, received an education in the public schools of Brooklyn, N. Y., and those of Stamford. On September 5, 1900, he was married to Eva L. Ferris, daughter of John H. and Jennie C. May Ferris of South Norwalk. Their three children are: M. Hanford, George F., Jr., and C. Irving. Noble and Mrs. Foote are Congregationalists. He was admitted to the rank of noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, with enrollment 2127, and he is also a member of the Pyramid Arab Patrol. His preparatory Masonic connections having been made with St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 24, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. He is an honorary member of the South Norwalk Fire Department, past archon of the Improved Order of Heptasophs; member of the South Norwalk Club; president of the Bell Island Club, and in 1911 was also elected president of the Bell Island Improvement Association. He is attached to the Republican party, and was five years resident agent at Norwalk for the Norwalk Steamboat Company. Since 1909 he has been secretary of The Ferris Coal Company, their location being 149 Washington Street, South Norwalk.

MAXIMILIAN J. FUCHS

Of Stamford, was born in Erlangen, Ger., August 31, 1867. Since 1893, he has been with the Baer Bros. of Stamford, as superintendent in the manufacture of their bronze powder output, having previously been engaged on his own account in the same line in Europe. He received an education in Roth-by-Nuremberg, and his parents were Peter and Katharina von Heider Fuchs, his father having been a native of Regensburg, Ger., and his mother, of Weiherhammer, Ger. His marriage to Margaret Eiden of Roth, Ger., daughter of Wolfgang and Margaret Dengler Eiden, took place in Roth, March 29, 1890. They have three children: John E., William W., and Wilhelmina L. They are of the Lutheran faith, as were their parents. His favorite pastime is autoing. He is Masonically affiliated with Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., in Stamford; Rittenhouse R. A. Chapter No. 11, in Stamford; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., in Stamford, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, in Norwalk. Through the medium of the latter he was admitted to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and therein enrolled December 1, 1903, as No. 1725. He is now justice of the peace, and has served in that capacity for the past ten years, having been so appointed in 1902.

He is the inventor of machines for beating bronze powders automatically, and holds patents for disintegrating metals, used for manufacturing bronze powder, which inventions have practically revolutionized the whole trade, in producing bronze powder at its present brilliancy, quality and efficiency.

In politics, he is a follower of the Republican party. His business address is 700 Canal Street, Stamford, and he resides at 49 Broad Street.

Charles E. Bristol

Eli Gledhill

Herbert M. Knapp

George F. Foote

M. J. Fuchs.

ALBERT O. ROACH

A 32° A. A. S. R. Mason of Mystic, had that honor conferred on him in Norwich Consistory, S. P. S. R., on March 13, 1894. He was entered, passed and raised in Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Benevolence Chapter No. 21, R. A. M., where he is king; received and greeted in Mystic Council No. 29, R. & S. M., in which he has for twenty-three years served as conductor, and was knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar. Subsequently, on December 28, 1893, he was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with membership No. 961. He is also affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, in Charity Chapter, Mystic, and is a member of the Mystic Club of Mystic. For the past quarter of a century he has been an eligible member of the Westerly Fat Men's Association. His business is that of a mechanic, and he has been with the Standard Machine Company for the past thirty years. Noble Roach was born in Ledyard, Conn., January 14, 1863, and received an education in the public schools of Mystic, and the M. V. Institute. His parents, both of Ledyard, were Frank V. and Mary Burrows Roach. On February 11, 1905, he was married in Mystic, to Nettie Bentley of that town, where they also reside.

VICTOR W. SCHMELZER

A 32° Mason of Meriden, and a member of Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; New Haven Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and Lafayette Consistory, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1896, and therein enrolled 1178.

He has been in the drug business since 1898, becoming the proprietor of two stores in 1903, and he has been both first and second vice-president of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association. Noble Schmelzer was born in Germany, May 28, 1870, receiving an education in America, in Meriden, where he graduated from the high school, and later from the National Institute of Pharmacy in Chicago. His father is Augustus Schmelzer, also of German birth, and his mother was Flora Schoen Schmelzer. He was married to Katherine S. Nissen of Middletown, on August 5, 1906. They have two children: Augustus W., born December 3, 1907, and Dorothea N., November 30, 1908. Their religious affiliations are Episcopal, and he was brought up in that faith. His clubs are, the Home and the Cosmopolitan, and he responds to the call of outdoor sports, especially baseball.

Their residence is 352 Pratt Street, and his business address is 17 East Main Street, Meriden.

HENRY D. COWLES

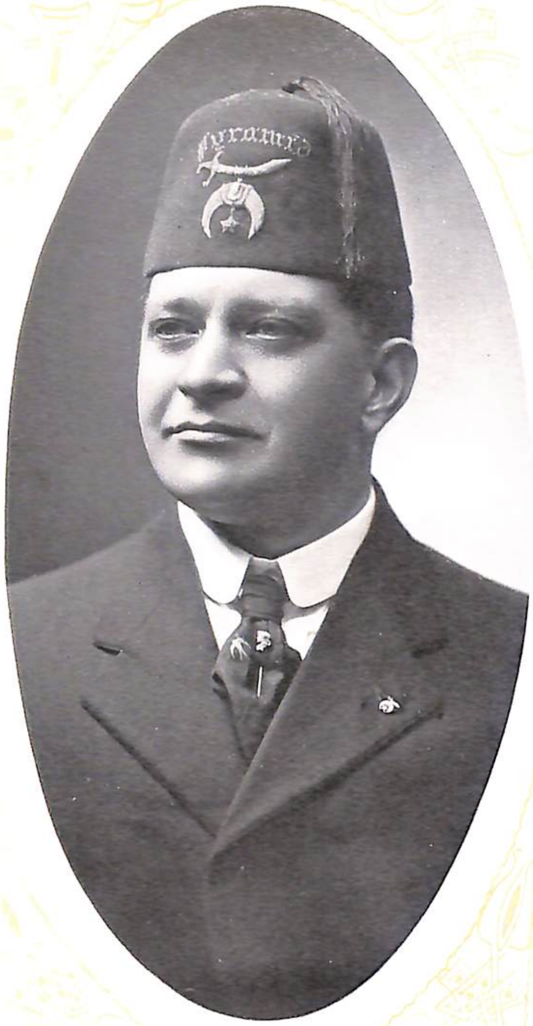
Chief of Police of New Haven, since 1907, has been identified with that department for over thirty-four years; for seven years having been sergeant detective, and for ten years captain of police. He entered the Masonic ranks in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., in 1893; received his capitular degrees in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; was admitted to the ninth arch in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., on February 16, 1894. He was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in May, 1894, with membership No. 1002. He is, likewise, a member of the Knights of Pythias in American Lodge No. 52, in New Haven; in New Haven Conclave No. 323, and of the New Haven Elks, in Lodge No. 25. He is president of the State Police Association; for the fifth time a member of the executive committee of the International Police Chiefs' Association, and holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Men's Association of New Haven, the Young Men's Republican Club, and the New Haven Colony of the Historical Association. Noble Cowles was born in Avon, Conn., January 19, 1850, and was educated in the public schools of Hartford. His parents were Chauncy M. and Huldah Dailey Cowles, both of Avon. He was married on July 8, 1873, to Fanny S. Tighe, and they have one son, Henry D., Jr., at present a law student in Yale College. Their residence is in New Haven, at 356 Winthrop Street.

FRED ELMORE NORTHROP

A 32° Mason of Southport, Conn., also second ceremonial master, Arab, and No 2172 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to the nobility of that body on March 11, 1908, his qualifications for entrance coming through the medium of his previous Masonic connections. He was first brought to light in Masonry in Temple Lodge No. 65, A. F. & A. M., in Westport, the capitular degrees were received in Butler Chapter No. 38, R. A. M., at South Norwalk, later receiving the cryptic degrees from Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and the orders of knighthood in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, in Bridgeport, which he is serving as sword bearer. The four bodies of the Scottish Rite in Bridgeport also conferred on him their respective degrees. He is, likewise, an Odd Fellow, in Pequonnock Lodge of Bridgeport. The firm of Northrop Brothers, himself sole proprietor, conducts a lumber and coal business in Southport. Noble Northrop served that business as bookkeeper the four years preceding his entrance to the firm in 1898. He was born in Southport, Conn., September 2, 1871, receiving an education in the Fairfield Academy and Bridgeport High School, where he graduated from the scientific course in 1890, and from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, in 1894. His father was William F. Northrop, and his mother is Abbie J. Baker Northrop, of Southport. He was married to Sarah Elizabeth Hughes of Southport, on December 11, 1895. They have one child, Marjorie Edith, born March 25, 1904. Noble Northrop was brought up a Methodist, and adheres to that faith. He is representing the town of Fairfield in the 1911-12 session of the Legislature. Fishing is his favorite pastime, and his residence is in Southport.

CHARLES P. SHERMAN, LL. B., D. C. L.

Received into the ranks of the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 27, 1905, with enrollment 1908 in that illustrious body, has York Rite degrees from Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council, No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees come from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory. He is a member of the Knights Templar and Graduates' Club, both of New Haven. Noble Sherman is a native of Springfield, Mass., and was born June 8, 1878. He attended the Yale University, from which he graduated in 1896, and also from the Yale Law School, receiving the degrees of LL. B., and D. C. L. He has traveled extensively in Europe, and has studied in universities of Oxford, Paris, Berlin, and Rome. His father, Phineas A. Sherman, is a native of North Rochester, Mass., and was born August 21, 1841, while his mother, who was Frances Lyman Sherman, and native of Springfield, Mass., was born January 19, 1849. Noble Sherman was engaged in the practice of general law from 1898 until 1907, when he was appointed an assistant professor in the Yale Law School. He is a member of the bar in the States of Connecticut and Massachusetts, besides being a member of the United States Supreme Court at Washington, D. C. On September 5, 1906, he was united in marriage with Julia Marie Rungee of New Haven. His religious belief is Episcopal, as is that of his parents, while his wife is an attendant at the Baptist Church. His favorite outdoor pastime is baseball, and he enjoys reading political and historical literature. His address is the Yale Law School, New Haven, and his residence, 438 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven.



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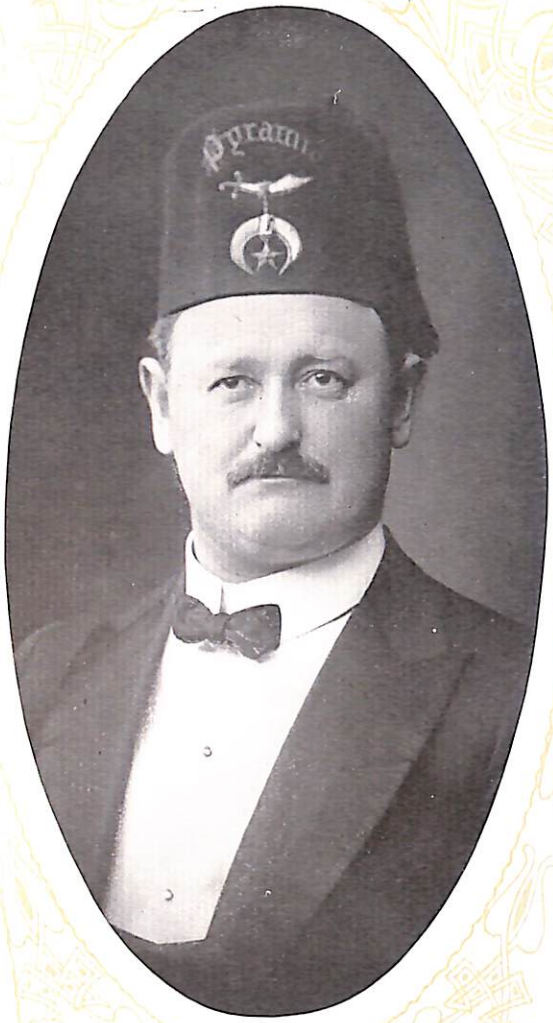

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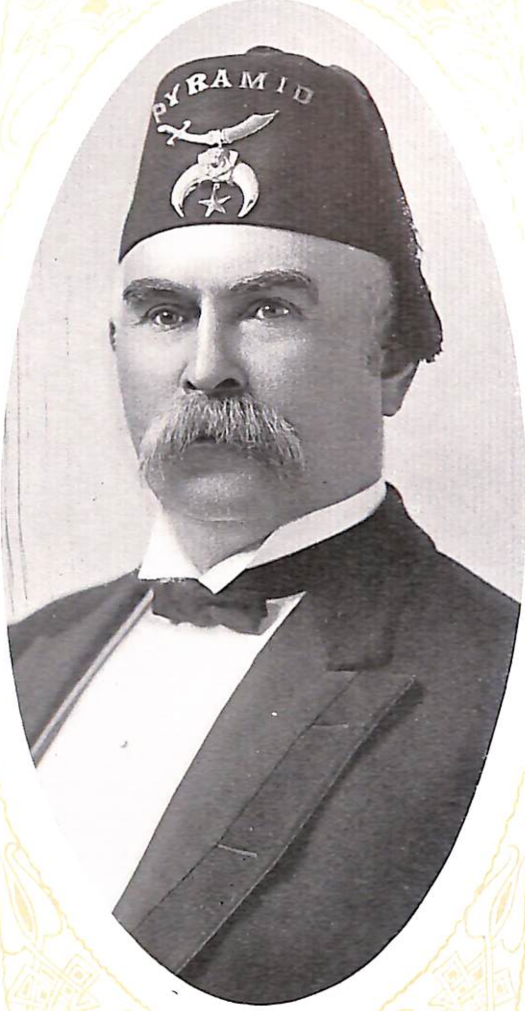

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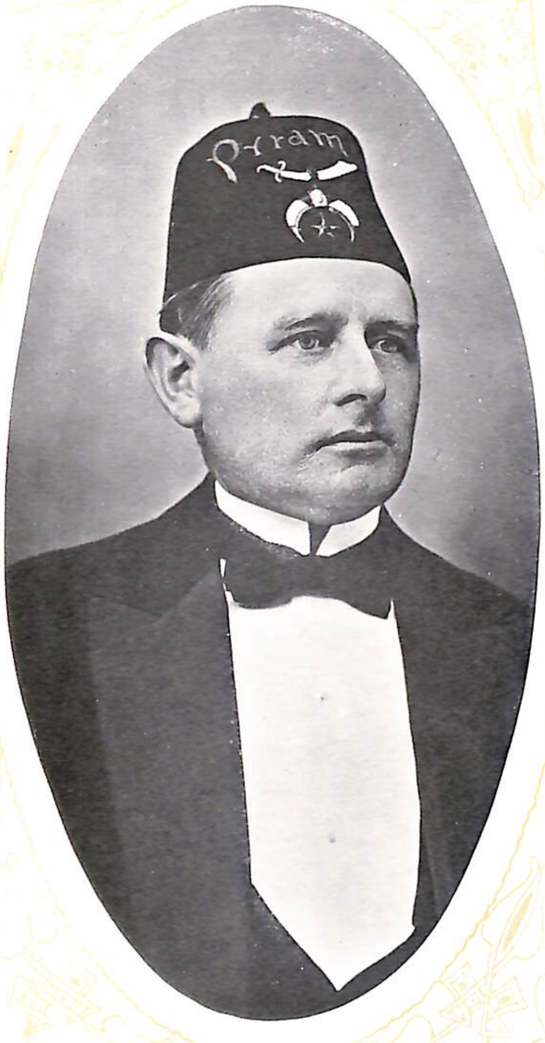

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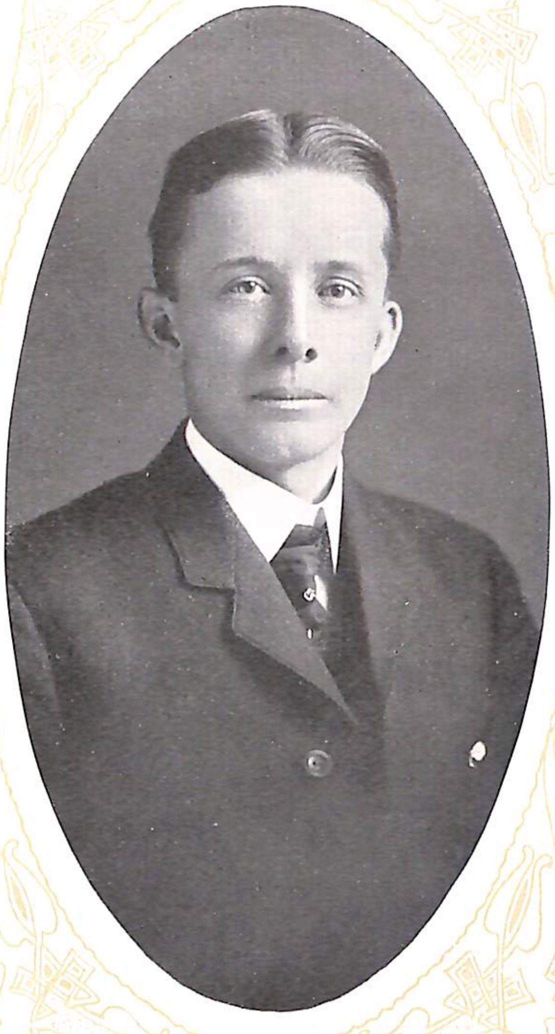

Charles P. Sherman

CLARENCE D. S. MILLER

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 6, 1907, and therein enrolled 2107, is Masonically affiliated in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He has also received the degrees of the Scottish Rite from the Bridgeport bodies, and was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is a clubman, holding membership in the Algonquin, Sea Side, and Bridgeport Yacht Clubs. Noble Miller was born in Middlefield, Conn., December 6, 1863, and received an education in the public schools of Middletown. His parents were Jesse H. and Maria A. Seward Miller, both of Connecticut birth, the former of Tolland, and the latter of Killingworth. He was married in Bridgeport, November 1, 1898, to Lena M. Scribner of that city; attends the Congregational Church, as did his parents; is a Republican, and served on the police commission, 1910-11. Travel and all outdoor sports are enjoyed by him. For the past ten years he has been vice president of the American Tube Stamping Company, 471 Howard Avenue, Bridgeport, his residence being 269 Clinton Avenue, same city.

JOHN B. SAVAGE

Crossed the burning sands, and reaching the oasis of Bridgeport, was admitted to Pyramid Temple on December 27, 1899, his number by order of enrollment being 1365. His Masonic qualifications came from Trumbull Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has also received all of the A. A. S. R. degrees up to and including the thirty-second, which latter was conferred by Lafayette, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, his home consistory. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar, the Union League, and the New Haven Gun Clubs, having been in the last-named since 1883, and having held offices in same, and also in the Dorscht Lodge of New Haven. He is, likewise, a member of the Second Company of the Governor's Foot Guard, and sergeant in that organization. He severed his connection with the New Haven Grays in 1903, of which he had been a member for nine years. Noble Savage was born in Portland, Conn., April 24, 1861, and was educated in the public schools of that place, graduating from the high school in 1877. His parents were Luther L. and Mary Jane Buck Savage, both of Portland, Conn., and he was married in that place on May 17, 1880, to Fannie Adea Hurlbutt of Portland. They have one daughter, Ruby N., born January 24, 1882. In 1880 he entered the upholstering business in the employ of B. B. Savage, where he remained until 1890, when he became treasurer of the New Haven Upholstering Company, which position he continues to fill. His factory and business location are at 3 Factory Street New Haven, and he also resides in the "City of Elms," at 94 Park Street.

FITCH L. COMSTOCK

A 32° Mason of New London, was born in Montville, Conn., July 17, 1853, where he attended the public schools, later taking a course in the Schofield Commercial College of Providence. He was the son of Jesse and Frances Newbury Comstock. His marriage to Ella Gardner of Waterford, was solemnized in Waterford, on January 4, 1876. They have two children: Ira M., and Caroline G. Their church affiliations are with the Episcopalians. His favorite outdoor pastimes are hunting, fishing, and boating, while for indoor amusements he prefers the reading of historical and political works and good fiction. Politically he is a Republican, and has served New London as town and city treasurer from 1907. He was a member of the Court of Common Council in New London from 1891-4, and has also been a representative to the Legislature from Waterford in 1881. He was founder of the ship chandlery firm of the Darrow and Comstock Company, in 1881, doing business in that firm for twenty years until 1901, when he became engaged in the ice business, and from which he retired in 1906. Noble Comstock was received into the ranks of the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, from Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M.; Union Chapter No. 7, R. A. M.; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees were received from the Norwich bodies. He is a past noble of Grand Pequot Lodge No. 85, I. O. O. F., and is a past chief patriarch of Orion Encampment. He is enrolled with the New London Elks in Lodge No. 360. He is a member of the John Winthrop Club and the Jibboom Club. His business address is City Hall, city treasurer's office, New London, and he resides at 121 Broad Street, same city.

EDGAR DAVIS CHITTENDEN

President of the E. D. Chittenden Company, and formerly of the National Fertilizer Company, was made a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 30, 1901, being therein enrolled as No. 1462. He is Masonically connected with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°.

Noble Chittenden was born in Sunderland, Mass., November 10, 1859, son of L. O. and Maria E. Davis Chittenden. He was married to Belle C. Stone, November 17, 1905; was educated at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, taking course of chemistry with the late Dr. C. A. Goessmann. At the age of twenty years was offered a position in Japan in the line of agricultural chemistry, but preferred to remain in New England, where he soon assumed large business responsibilities. Today he is considered an authority on agricultural chemistry and commercial fertilizing.

He has quietly given to many charities, among them, the Masonic home at Wallingford, Conn., being a close friend and worker for that institution with the late Luke A. Lockwood, who was president of the home at the time of his decease.

Noble Chittenden is an enthusiastic yachtsman and automobilist, and on his stock farm in Massachusetts, bred and raised many fine horses, among them "Lady Sealskin," with a record of 2.06¼. His address is Bridgeport, Conn.

JOHN F. NOYES

A 32° Mason of Mystic, Conn., was born there, April 7, 1883, and there educated, taking a post-graduate course in the Bulkley High School of New London, from which he graduated in 1901. His parents are Ira F. and Kate Forsyth, both natives of Mystic. His wife, to whom he was married in Mystic, on August 30, 1910, was Abbie E. Barber of that town. He is affiliated with Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72, A. F. & A. M.; Benevolence Chapter No. 21, R. A. M.; Mystic Council No. 29, R. & S. M.; Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., and the Norwich bodies of the Scottish Rite. Through the medium of the latter he was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 22, 1909. He is also a member of the Mystic Hook and Ladder Company, and was appointed highway commissioner in 1911. His business interests have been in the automobile traffic since 1904. Prior to that date he was a manufacturer of gasoline engines with J. W. Lathrop and Company of Mystic, and he is the owner of the 103-foot gasoline steam yacht, Genevieve. Noble Noyes was brought up a Methodist, and adheres to that faith. Boating, autoing and baseball are his favorite diversions, and in reading he prefers works of a mechanical and scientific character. His residence is in Mystic, and he also conducts his automobile business in his home town.

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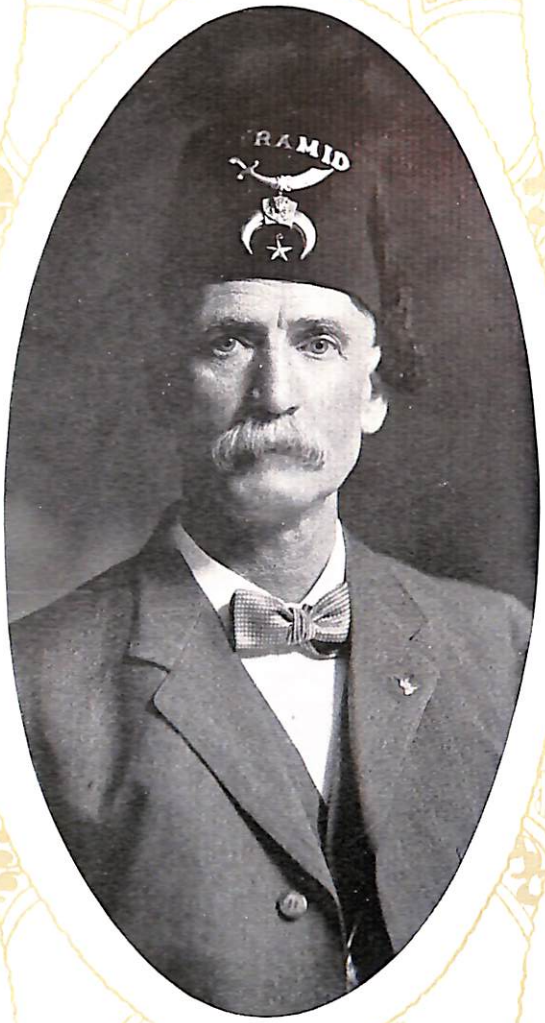

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PAUL U. SUNDERLAND, M. D.

Pension examiner for ten years, from 1897 to 1907, and now engaged in the general practice of his profession, which dates from 1894, was born in Danbury, Conn., March 22, 1869. His father is William W. Sunderland, native of Somers, N. Y., and his mother, Rachel A. Wildman Sunderland. Noble Sunderland was married in Danbury, August 28, 1895, to Julia Kerrigan of that place, daughter of Alexander and Achsah J. Dauchy Kerrigan. They have three children: Millicent B., born November 4, 1898; William A., September 18, 1899, and Jeannette, July 16, 1902. He is a Congregationalist. His favorite sports are hunting and fishing.

On June 6, 1904, he was created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment number being 1776, while Masonically he holds membership previously attained in the following bodies: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also attached to the following fraternities: Progressive Lodge of the Odd Fellows; Golden Cross of the Maccabees; the Independent Order Foresters of America, and the American Medical Association.

He resides and has offices at 160 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury.

GEORGE H. MERRICK

Has Masonic membership with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23, in which he is a quartette singer; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. Noble Merrick was born in Carmel, N. Y., on August 14, 1871, and received an education in the public schools of North Salem, N. Y. Charles Merrick, native of High Bridge, N. Y., was his father, and his mother was Frances Knox Merrick. They were both Methodists. His marriage to Laura Stott of Danbury, daughter of George and Margaret Caldwell Stott, was celebrated in that city, December 22, 1891. Their religious affiliations are Congregational. His favorite sport is horse racing, and he prefers scientific reading. He has been engaged in the hat manufacturing industry from 1893 to the present time, and for the past fifteen years has been with S. C. Holly & Company of River Street, Danbury. He resides at 80 West Street, Danbury.

CLARENCE P. BRADLEY

Received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 24, 1886, with enrollment 190, being one of its early members, and the oldest from Meriden, is Masonically affiliated with Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., of Meriden; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, all of New Haven, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°, of Bridgeport. He is an honorary member of the Sphinx Temple Band of Hartford and holds membership in Lodge 35 of the Elks in Meriden; is one of the Sons of the American Revolution; a member of the Home Club; of the Colonial Club, and the Highland Country and Middletown Clubs. Noble Bradley was born in Meriden, Conn., and received an education in public and private schools of his native city, later taking special courses at the Collegiate and Commercial Institute of New Haven. His parents are Nathaniel L. Bradley, native of Cheshire, and Harriet E. Peck Bradley of Kensington. His business connections are as treasurer of the Bradley & Hubbard M'f'g. Co. of Meriden; director of the First National Bank of Meriden; director of the City Savings Bank of Meriden; director of the Meriden Trust and Safe Deposit Company; a member of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Meriden, and director of Meriden Gas Light Company.

WILLIAM H. ARTHUR

Of Stamford, is a 32° Mason, whose home lodge is Union No. 5, A. F. & A. M., and whose Royal Arch chapter is Rittenhouse No. 11. His cryptic rite degrees were received in Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and he became a Knight Templar in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He received the Scottish Rite degrees from the A. A. S. R. bodies in Bridgeport, and he is a member of Lafayette Consistory. December 2, 1902, he was received into the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, with enrollment 1598. He is also an Odd Fellow in Rippowam Lodge; a Knight of Pythias in Excelsior Lodge No. 49, and a charter member of Lodge No. 899 of the B. P. O. E. in Stamford.

His business, from 1899 to 1909, was superintendent of public works in Stamford. For five years, from 1894, he was mechanical engineer for the City of Stamford.

Noble Arthur was born in Norwalk, Conn., February 22, 1866. He has made a specialty of the study of mechanical and civil engineering. His father is William Arthur, a native of New York City, and his mother, who was Jennie Wiggins, was also of New York. He was married May 29, 1890, to Anne L. Whitney, daughter of Samuel and Amanda Everett Whitney of New Canaan. Their four children are: George D., Robert A., Homer C. and Remington J. Noble Arthur is engaged in the business of general contracting, with main office in Stamford.

THOMAS H. WILLIAMS

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 29, 1902, where he is enrolled 1519. He is a 32° Mason; was raised in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., where for the past fifteen years he has served as choir master, and still continues in that capacity; received his capitular degrees in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; was admitted to the ninth arch in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the New Haven Scottish Rite bodies and of Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, and holds membership in the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Williams is one of the leading musicians of New Haven, and for the past twenty-five years has been a well-known city soloist. He is also a member of the Yale University Choir; has served Trinity Episcopal Church as soloist for fifteen years, and for the same length of time as leader of the Temple Male Quartette. His business interests, however, have been in the department store line; first with Gamble and Desmond Company of New Haven, where he remained two and a half years, then with the Eton McIntyre Company for eleven years, until 1902, when he accepted his present position as superintendent for the Charles Monson Company of Chapel Street, New Haven. Noble Williams is of Welsh parentage, his father having been John Williams, and his mother, Ellen Thomas Williams. He, however, was born in Garston, near Liverpool, Eng., on November 25, 1865, and was educated in public schools in both places. On January 19, 1897, he was married to Fannie F. Goodman of New Haven, their marriage having been solemnized in that city. They have three sons: Arthur Stanley and Stanley Arthur, who are twins, and Henry Goodman,, the latter being the elder. Noble Williams is an Episcopalian, is a devotee of baseball and all outdoor sports, and in reading prefers history and poetry. He resides at 104 Kimberley Avenue, New Haven.

Paul U. Sunderland.

W. H. Antrim

C. F. Bradley.

George L. Merrick

Thos. H. Williams

HARRIE A. SMITH

In Freemasonry is enrolled in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. Subsequently, on May 5, 1905, through the medium of his commandery, he was made a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with membership 1831. He is also an Odd Fellow in Our Brothers Lodge No. 10, in which he is a past noble grand, and in Kabaosa Encampment No. 9, I. O. O. F., is a past chief patriarch, likewise holding membership in Eureka Lodge No. 42, of the Odd Fellows. He is, too, affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men in Cockene Tribe No. 32, Cockene Hayloft No. 32½, and with the Royal Arcanum in Ponassus Council No. 1268, in Norwalk. Noble Smith was born in Norwalk, March 25, 1869, and received an education in the public schools of his home city. His parents are Theodore and Elizabeth Scheckner Smith, the former of Norwalk, and the latter, of New York. He was married in Norwalk, October 9, 1902, to Clara Isabel Ells, daughter of Joseph B. and Mary Waterbury Ells. His business for the past sixteen years, from 1905, is that of proprietor of a wholesale and retail manufacturing confectionery and ice cream business at 11 Main Street, Norwalk. He also resides in Norwalk, at 1 Elm Crest Terrace.

CHARLES P. UREN

Crossed the desert sands, reaching the oasis of Bridgeport, and entered Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on April 28, 1902, with enrollment No. 1518. His Masonic affiliations are with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and he has received all of the Scottish Rite degrees, including the thirty-second, from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Since 1897 he has been a buyer for the upholstering department of the Gamble & Desmond Company, and previously, from 1885, was in the same employment in the Erwin McIntyre Company of New Haven. Prior to that, he served his apprenticeship for five years with J. N. Roberts & Sons of Cornwall, Eng., where he was born on May 5, 1865, the son of Thomas P. and Margaret Pemberthy Uren. He was married to Amy Mary Wright of London, Eng., in New Haven, November 15, 1890. They have three children: Helen Rose, Margaret, and Annie. Noble Uren has been soloist in the St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the past ten years, having served fourteen years in the same capacity in Christ Church, and for fifteen years as a member of Temple Quartette. His home is at 320 Elm Street, New Haven.

GEORGE I. ALLEN

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on December 10, 1901, and enrolled 1476, with Masonic affiliations in St. John's Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 6, R. A. M., and Cyrene Commandery No. 8, K. T., is likewise connected with Apollo Lodge, Knights of Pythias; No. 771 of the B. P. O. E, in which he is a charter member, having been the first elected esteemed loyal knight; and also having served that body as district deputy for the State of Connecticut. He is a member of the following: Masons, Knights Templar, Union League, Elks, Middletown Yacht, and Young Men's Republican Clubs, all of Middletown; also of the Republican State League, which he has served as vice president since 1906, having also been chairman of the Republican Town Committee. He is and has been for years on the Republican State Central Committee; is director of the City Savings Bank, and was secretary of the Board of State Highway Commission for five years from its inception in 1896; is secretary of the State Tuberculosis Commission, and director of the Connecticut School for Boys. Noble Allen was appointed postmaster of Middletown by President McKinley in 1898. His incumbency was marked by notable improvements in postoffice methods instituted during his eleven years' administration. He was born in Bridgeport, Conn., April 7, 1869, the son of Wilson Allen; received an education in New Haven, and graduating from school studied evenings and in spare time. In 1893 he joined Company H of the Mansfield Guards, 2d Regiment of the C. N. G., starting as private and sergeant, and was later appointed paymaster and commissary of the regiment, with rank of 1st lieutenant, and in New York they welcomed the return of Admiral Dewey, and in 1906, as one of the six presidential electors of Connecticut, cast his vote for McKinley. He was also of material assistance in the campaign when C. V. Coffin was elected Governor of Connecticut. Noble Allen resides in Middletown.

CARL F. SIEMON

Inducted into the mysteries and nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 8, 1911, was therein enrolled 2362. His preparatory Masonic degrees were received from Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., in which he is the senior deacon; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is a member of the University, Country, and Automobile Clubs, all of Bridgeport. Noble Siemon was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., March 28, 1870, and attended the public schools of his native town, graduating from the German Concordia College, also of that city. His father was Carl F. Siemon, a native of Germany, and his mother is May E. Shuman Siemon, of Millerstown, Penn. He was united in marriage with Katherine W. Lewis of Fort Wayne, and they have two children, Carl M. and Katherine Adele. In religious faith, they are Lutherans. His favorite outdoor enjoyment is motoring. He has been interested in the vulcanized rubber business for the past fifteen years, and is now president and treasurer of the Siemon Hard Rubber Company, which he organized in 1902, and which is located at the Dewey Corner of State Street, Bridgeport, his residence being at 37 Lenox Street, same city..

CHARLES W. GLOCK

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1905, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 1933. His eligibility to its membership came through the medium of his Masonic connections with St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, in which he received the templar orders. He is also a member of Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; of Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., and of Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M. His club attachments are with the Colonial, Home, and Cosmopolitan Clubs. He acts with the Republican Party, and in 1898 served as councilman for Meriden.

In 1888 he became a member of the firm which he had the eight years previous served as employee. On receiving him into the firm, it then assumed the style under which it now remains. The Griswold, Richmond & Glock Company. They manufacture and deal in furnaces, ranges and stoves.

Noble Glock was born on October 15, 1868, in Meriden, Conn., his home city, and the place of his achievements. It was there, too, he received his schooling, which was supplemented by a course in Yale Business College of New Haven. His parents are Charles C. and Kate Schieldge Glock, both of German birth. On October 16, 1901, he was married to Emma Hatje, daughter of Augustus and Emma Stickmast Hatje, both of German origin. Noble and Mrs. Glock have one son, Ralph, born April 21, 1906. Noble Glock was brought up in the Congregational Church, and adheres to its tenets. He enjoys all outdoor sports. His business address is No. 2 West Main Street, Meriden, and his residence, 34 North Second Street, Meriden.

Harrie H. Smith

Charles Wren

Geo. I. Allen

Carl F. Siemon

C. W. Glock.

NATHAN E. WILCOX

Was made a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on May 28, 1888, with enrollment No. 338. His Masonic affiliations are with Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 45, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in the local bodies, and in Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Milford, Conn., is his birthplace, and the date, October 8, 1867. His father, Charles H. Wilcox, is of Connecticut nativity, and his mother, Sarah Lumb Wilcox, was a native of Southbury. He was married to J. Alice Caul of New Britain, in Bridgeport, February 15, 1895. They have one daughter, Edna F. Noble Wilcox enjoys travel as a pastime. Since 1905, he has been manager of Wilcox's Carousell, Savin Rock, Conn. He has followed the water for about twenty years, during which time he was captain of "Pleasure" craft. He resides at 251 Thomas Street, West Haven.

FRANK WILCOX

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, and enrolled 1222, entered the ranks of the Mystic Shriners, April 22, 1897. He received his York Rite degrees from Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees came from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Wilcox was born in Milford, Conn., and attended the public schools in his native town, and his wife was Fannie M. Bishop of West Haven. They have a daughter, Ora. He is a firm believer in Christian Science. He is a member of the Governor's Foot Guard, and his favorite pastime is autoing. He has had many years' experience in the summer-resort business, having been manager of the Railroad Grove in West Haven, and since 1900 proprietor of the Pier Restaurant and Pavilion, 554-560 Beach Street, Savin Rock, West Haven. His residence is 377 Main Street.

COLONEL JOHN TWEEDY

Entered the A. A. O. of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, on June 6, 1907, with membership 2116, having previously attained his Masonic qualifications. His blue lodge is Union No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; his Royal Arch Chapter, Eureka No. 23; his council of Royal and Select Masters, Wooster No. 28, and his commandery, Crusader No. 10, Knights Templar, all in Danbury. He is, likewise, a member of the Royal Arcanum, and his political affiliations are Republican. For the past three years, 1908-09-10, he was city assessor; a member of the Connecticut Legislature in 1869; postmaster of Danbury, from 1876 to 1886, and reappointed from 1891 to 1895; was on Governor Marshall Jewell's staff from 1869 to 1871, with the rank of colonel; and in 1872, was delegate-at-large from Connecticut, to the convention that renominated General Grant. He also attended the conventions in 1868, 1876, and 1880, when General Grant, Hayes, and Garfield were nominated for the Presidency, and he witnessed the nomination of Lincoln in 1860. He is author and editor of the "History of the Republican National Conventions from 1856 to 1908." Noble Tweedy was born in Danbury, Conn., August 25, 1843, and was educated in private schools in Danbury. His favorite reading is political, and his religious affiliations, Congregational. He was married to Laura Bostwick Wildman, in Danbury, November 27, 1866. Colonel Tweedy has retired from active business, and resides in Danbury.

GEORGE W. HARDWICK

Of Norwalk, was admitted to the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on June 6, 1907, the number of his enrollment being 2005. He was previously Masonically affiliated with the following bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M.; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Roger Ludlow Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and of the B. P. O. of the Elks.

Noble Hardwick was born in Bridgeport, January 28, 1878, and attended the schools of his native city, later graduating from the department of pharmacy in Columbia University, New York City.

He is now engaged in that line of business at 38 Wall Street, Norwalk.

ALBERT I. CHATFIELD

A 32° Mason, affiliated with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 22, in Waterbury; Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M.; Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T.; Waterbury Lodge of Perfection; Waterbury Council, P. of J.; Waterbury Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, from which he was received into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, on November 26, 1894, his membership in that illustrious body being 1041. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows in Nosahogan Lodge, Waterbury.

He is building inspector of Waterbury, having filled that post since 1902. He was a commissioner of the Board of Common Council. In 1900 was superintendent of streets and sewers, and for twenty-four years prior to that was engaged in the business of building and contracting. He has been a resident of Waterbury for forty-eight years. When but fifteen, he was employed in a hoop-skirt factory in Birmingham. In 1900 was construction and building inspector of the Albany to Hudson third rail electric road.

Noble Chatfield was born in Derby, Conn., December 2 1846, and received an education in the public schools of his native place. His parents were Charles R. and Rhoda Gerard Chatfield, the former native of Oxford, and the latter of Long Island, N. Y. He was married February 4, 1869, to Alice J. Smith of Seymour. They have two sons: Benjamin and Gerard. Their religious affiliations are Episcopal, as were those of his parents.

His business address is 7 Leavenworth Street, Waterbury, and he resides at 3 Hewlett Street, same city.

GEORGE S. CHATFIELD

A 32° Mason of Waterbury, bears allegiance to Harmony Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 22; Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M.; Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T.; to the several Scottish Rite bodies in Waterbury, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, having been inducted into the mysteries of that illustrious body on October 26, 1891, with enrollment 756. He is likewise affiliated with the Odd Fellows in Nosahogan Lodge No. 21, in Waterbury. Noble Chatfield was born in Oxford, Conn., November 25, 1842, and received an education in the public schools of Waterbury. He was married in New Paltz, Ulster County, N. Y., to Della Plant of Clintondale, N. Y. They have one daughter, Ruth Priscilla. His political views are Republican, and he formerly served on the Board of Public Works, also on the Board of Fire Commissioners. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes. He conducts his business at 73 Canal Street, Waterbury. For twenty-four years, 1872-94, he was associated in the building business with A. I. Chatfield, under the firm name of "A. I. and G. S. Chatfield."

Nathan E Wilcox

Frank Wilcox.

John Tweedy

Geo W Hardwick

A. A. Chatfield

D. HENRY MILLER

Of Cannon Station, was born in Georgetown, Conn., April 5, 1884. His parents are Samuel J. Miller, born in same town in 1856, and Esther A. Cannon Miller of Cannon Station. He received an education at the King School in Stamford, and the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, graduating from the latter with class of 1904. In the fall following, on October 3, 1904, he went to work for the Gilbert and Bennett Manufacturing Company, of Georgetown, and in July, 1910, he was appointed assistant superintendent for that company, and continues to fill that position.

Early becoming interested in Masonry, he identified himself with Ark Lodge No. 39, in Georgetown; Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38, in South Norwalk, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in Norwalk. He then sought entrance to the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, and was granted admission to the nobility of that Order, on November 22, 1909, his Pyramid membership being numbered 2284. He is a member of the Yale Chapter of Sigma Xi; of the Yale Club in New York, and of the Norwalk, and Norwalk Country Clubs.

He was brought up in the Episcopal faith, is fond of autoing and golf, and in politics inclines to Republicanism.

DAVID H. MILLER

No. 311 in Pyramid Temple of the A. A. O. N. M. S., was received into that body on November 22, 1888, through the medium of Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., of which he is a charter member, having withdrawn from Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., to assist in forming Crusader Commandery. For thirty-four years he was secretary of Ark Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M. The first Masonic body to which he gave his allegiance was Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M., on December 25, 1866. He is also secretary of his Royal Arch Chapter in Ridgefield. The Connecticut Army and Navy Club and the Norwalk Country Club, both claim his membership.

His political affiliations are Republican, and he was four years justice of the peace; notary public since 1864, and representative to the Legislature from the town of Redding in 1881. From 1905 he has been president and treasurer of the Gilbert and Bennett Wire Manufacturing Company, and prior to that, for more than twenty years, was vice-president, having entered that company in 1854, as bookkeeper.

Noble Miller was born in London, Eng., August 12, 1831, and received an education in a private school of that city. His parents were John H. and Sarah Neville Miller, natives of London. His marriage to Catherine Welling of New York was celebrated in that city, September 10, 1855. Their nine children are: Samuel J., Mary C., Gray, David H., Jr., Louis P., Charles J., Julius W., Kathaleen W., Mrs. Sarah M. Hunter, and Bessie E. Brother Miller was brought up and nurtured in the Episcopal faith.

He is a prominent veteran of the Civil War and numerous have been his posts of loyal service to his country; staff officer of Putnam Phalanx, Hartford; a member of the Militia of New York, in the Old Washington Grays, 8th Regiment; captain of a militia regiment company, 8th Connecticut; major of the 23rd Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, in 1862 and 1863; past commander of Moore White Post, No. 18, of the G. A. R.; captain of the "Wide Awakes," "Boys in Blue," and a member of the military order of the Loyal Legion, New York.

He was also twenty-four years treasurer of the school district in Georgetown; is vice-president of the Fairfield County National Bank of Norwalk, and organized the first Republican Club in the town of Redding, for Freemont and Dayton.

His wire manufacturing business is located in Georgetown, Conn., and his residence is also in Georgetown.

EDWARD A. GODFREY

Joined Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 14, 1894, his enrollment in that body being 988. He was previously affiliated as a Mason with the York and Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport. He is, too, a well-known clubman, belonging to the Algonquin, Calumet, New York Athletic, Brooklawn, Norwalk Country and several other clubs, is past vice president of the Algonquin Club; has served on the Board of Government, and is a Republican. The Blue Ribbon Auto and Carriage Company was founded by him in 1903, with him as its president. Their specialty is the manufacture of carriages and automobile bodies. During the twenty years preceding the formation of this company, Noble Godfrey was engaged in the building and manufacture of carriages. Westport, Conn., was the place of his birth, on May 2, 1863. He was schooled in his native town, and in Easton Academy. His father is Martin Godfrey, and his mother was Martha A. Fairchild Godfrey, both of Westport nativity. His marriage to Sarah J. Coley of Weston, daughter of Levi P. and Sarah M. Nichols Coley, was celebrated in Westport, December 21, 1887. Autoing is his favorite pastime, and his reading is mainly scientific. He resides at 447 Laurel Avenue, Bridgeport, and his place of business is 154 Cannon Street, same city.

WILLIAM KEEN WILSON

Received his Master Mason degree in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., and served as worshipful master in 1901; also served as high priest in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; as thrice illustrious master in Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and as eminent commander in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, all in Danbury. He was subsequently received in Pyramid Temple, becoming a noble in the Order of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December 18, 1906, with enrollment 2033. His parents were David and Abbie A. Williams Wilson, natives of Newark and Orange, N. J., respectively. He was married in Bloomfield, N. J., to Minnie A. Brien of that place, daughter of Dennis and Mary Collins Brien, both having been of Irish origin. They have five children: David D., William B., Henry F., Abbie A., and Stanley J. Noble Wilson was brought up a Congregationalist, and adheres to that faith. He is a hat manufacturer, and was ten years foreman in the finishing department of The Beckerle Hat Company. In 1900 he entered upon the duties of his present position as superintentent in the soft hat factory of The National Hat Company of Danbury. He resides at 11 Park Avenue, same city.

JAMES R. DISBROW

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 27, 1899, and therein enrolled as 1364, has Masonic connections with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and with the A. A. S. R. bodies in New Haven, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also allied with the Elks of New Haven; is a member of the Chamber of Commerce; of Dorscht Lodge No. 2, and of Phoenix Club of West Haven. Noble Disbrow was born in New Haven, Conn., October 15, 1872, the son of John L. and Mary J. Russell Disbrow. He received an education in public and private schools of his home city. Minnie M. Peck of Branford, became his wife on February 2, 1903. They are adherents of the Episcopal Church, and Noble Disbrow was brought up in that faith. He enjoys baseball and yachting, and spent ten years in the service, both as paymaster and lieutenant of the National Guard of Connecticut. His home is on Hobart Street, New Haven.

D. Henry Miller,

William K. Wilson.

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James R. Disbrow

GEORGE CLARK STEVENS

Entered the Unseen Temple, April 17, 1906. He became a Noble of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 15, 1900, his enrollment number being 1401. In Masonry he was entered, passed and raised, in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; was advanced and exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., and received the templar orders in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar.

Noble Stevens was born in Danbury, in 1853. His father having been Charles T. Stevens, and his mother, Mary Stevens, were both of old and honored Danbury families. He was educated in the public schools, and learned the machinist's trade with The Colts-Arms Company, and Pratt & Whitney's, in Hartford. From there he went to New York City, and was employed in the office of Henry Clews, the banker, but was forced to give up that position on account of his eyesight.

He then returned to Danbury and entered the office of Crofut, White & Peabody, from which he was advanced to the position of superintendent of their factory. He also served as superintendent of the factories of John W. Green. On leaving Mr. Green, he entered the old insurance business of his father, which he conducted until 1897, when he entered the employ of the Phoenix of Hartford, as field representative, which position he held about four years. At the death of Benjamin Hawes, of the Hawes-Von Gal Company, he resigned from the Phoenix, and again entered the hatting business, as vice-president, and New York manager of that company, which place he filled at the time of his death.

Noble Stevens was superintendent of Danbury Water Works, 1895-1897, and was always greatly interested in public affairs, and a man highly respected and honored by his townsmen. His wife, who survives him, was Harriet Emma Allen, of Danbury. He also left three children: Charles W., Harold B., and Mrs. G. J. Benjamin.

CHARLES W. STEVENS

Enrolled No. 1738, in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 25, 1903. Prior to his Shrine membership, he had affiliated with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also attached to the Elks, in Danbury Lodge No. 120, and is a well-known clubman, holding memberships in the Wooster, Kota, Country, and Danbury Clubs, also the Transportation Club of New York; the Pahquioque Hunting and Fishing Club; the Auto Club of Bridgeport, and the Auto Club of America; the Danbury Business Association, and Sons of the American Revolution. He is, likewise, a member of both the State and National Associations of Local Fire Insurance Agents, and of the National Organization of Life Underwriters of America.

Noble Stevens was born in Danbury, Conn., October 22, 1876, and received an education in the public schools of that city, graduating from the high school in 1896. His father was the lamented George C. Stevens of Danbury, and his mother is Harriet E. Stevens of same nativity. He was married in that city, on April 22, 1903, to Elizabeth Lynes, daughter of Benjamin C. and Lucy W. Lacey Lynes. They have two children: Sally Lynes, born October 19, 1906, and Gemmell Hoyt, July 6, 1910.

Noble Stevens is an Episcopalian, is fond of hunting, fishing, autoing, shooting, and in reading prefers history. His business office is in the United Bank Building, 226 Main Street, Danbury, where he conducts the general insurance business carried on by his honored father, under the firm name of George C. Stevens & Son, into which he was received by his father on the attainment of his majority. On the 1st of April, 1911, Noble Stevens combined his office with that of Hodge's Insurance Agency, under the corporate name of The Stevens-Hodge Corporation, the firm of George C. Stevens & Son ceasing to be upon that date.

He resides at 75 Park Avenue, Danbury.

HARRY B. MALLORY

For the past sixteen years an officer in the old established hat manufacturing corporation of E. A. Mallory & Sons, of Danbury, and head of the automobile firm of Mallory & Ryder, from 1904 to 1907, was born in Danbury, Conn., November 14, 1874, and there received a public school education which was supplemented by a special course in The Stevens Institute of Technology. He is a member of the Theta Xi Fraternity. His father is Charles A. Mallory, and his mother was Ella L. Rider Mallory of Danbury. He was married to Mary T. Cowperthwait of Danbury, on March 21, 1907. They have two children: Ruth H., born July 8, 1908, and Mary T., December 19, 1909. He is a member of Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with enrollment No. 1162, on May 5, 1903. Residence, 101 Park Avenue, Danbury.

CHARLES BENJAMIN WOOSTER

Enrolled 620 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 25, 1891, holds Masonic membership in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 31, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, in Valley Lodge No. 14, Derby, and is a Republican. For several terms he has served on the Board of Selectmen in Ansonia. Noble Wooster was born in Oxford, Conn., July 2, 1844, and was educated in the public schools of that place. His parents were Daniel Wooster of Derby, and Caroline Bassett Wooster of Seymour. On October 25, 1871, he was married in Waterbury, to Henrietta H. Struckman of Derby. They have one child, Dwight. Like his parents, Noble Wooster is of the Episcopal faith. He enjoys all outdoor sports and the reading of general literature. He has been a mason and contractor in Ansonia for the past thirty years. He resides at 134 South Cliff Street, Ansonia.

A. HOMER FILLOW

Of Danbury, is a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and was admitted to that illustrious body, on May 3, 1903, his enrollment number being 1625, having previously been qualified as a Mason, through membership in the following bodies: Ark Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M., in Georgetown; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, all in Danbury. Noble Fillow was born in Redding, Conn., June 9, 1863. His father was Salomon M. Fillow, and his mother is Henrietta Armstead Fillow, both of Connecticut birth. He received an education in the public schools of Redding and the Hall Academy at Redding Center. He has been twice married: in 1899 to Hattie Platt of Redding, daughter of Isaac and Maria T. Platt; and on June 22, 1904, to Bertha Lawrence of Bethel, daughter of William and Maria Fairchild Lawrence. He attends the Methodist Church. In 1888 he went into the hardwood business at Georgetown, getting out hardwood lumber for wagon stock. Removing to Danbury, in 1892, he was there employed as chief engineer of the Danbury & Bethel Gas & Electric Light Company, until 1900, when he went into the automobile business, building the first car which was run in Danbury. In 1911 he built a new garage at 31 Crosby Street, Danbury, where the business is run as the Fillow Auto Company. His residence is at 87 West Street.

Geo. G. Stevens

Charles H. Stevens

Harry B. Mallory

C. B. Wooster

A. Homer Fillow

WILLIAM E. SEELEY

Second ceremonial master of Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to its nobility on June 6, 1887, being therein enrolled 247. He received the York Rite degrees in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. The Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the Bridgeport A. A. S. R. bodies, and he was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is well known in local clubs, being a member of the Algonquin, Brooklawn Country, and Bridgeport Yacht Club, also of the Home Club of Meriden. Noble Seeley was born in Bridgeport, Conn., June 17, 1863, and there received an education in public and private schools. His parents were William E. and Jane Elizabeth Sterling Seeley. His wife was Maude Parker of Bridgeport, to whom he was married in that city, April 23, 1889. They have one son, William Parker, and are attendants at the South Congregational Church. His favorite outdoor sports are golf, fishing and autoing. From 1898 to 1908 he was in the commission business, and prior to that for eight years, 1890-98, he was interested in banking in Bridgeport and New York City. Since 1908 he has been secretary and treasurer of the Blue Ribbon Garage Company at 283 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport. He also resides in Bridgeport, at 245 Brooklawn Avenue.

JULIUS W. SKIDMORE

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, and past captain of the guard in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, held that office for over twelve years, through ill health having been forced to resign, was admitted to the nobility of the Order on May 24, 1894, with enrollment 986. His York Rite degrees came from St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees, from the Bridgeport A. A. S. R. bodies. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for the past ten years has been retired from business life. From 1865 to 1898, he was engaged in designing ladies' hats, prior to that for ten years having been manager of the Pacific Iron Works of Bridgeport. Noble Skidmore was born in Bethlehem, Conn., March 15, 1847, and attended the public schools in Bridgeport, and the Cheshire Academy. His ancestors were of noble descent, and pioneers in this country, having come from England in the sixteenth century. His parents were both of Connecticut birth, being Philo Hurd, and Abigail N. Ives Skidmore, the former, of Bethlehem, and the latter, of Cheshire. He was married in Stratford, October 18, 1876, to Marion E. Lewis of that place, daughter of Dr. Theodore and Hepsa Wells Lewis. They have two children: Lewis Palmer and Maud Bernice, and the family are Episcopalians. His residence is 426 East Washington Avenue, Bridgeport.

EDWIN S. THOMAS

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 27, 1899, and enrolled 1352, and exalted to the rank of noble therein through the medium of his Masonic connections. He is a past master of Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; king of Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 4, R. A. M.; generalissimo of New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and a member of all of the New Haven A. A. S. R. bodies, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. He is also an esteemed loyal knight of the Elks, and a member of the Woodmen, Eagles, Grangers, and of the Quinnipiack Club. Woodstock, Ill., is his native town, and the date of his birth, November 11, 1872. He graduated from the high school in New Britain, in 1891. His father was Wilbur E. Thomas, and his mother is Mary Stark Thomas. He was married in West Haven, September 7, 1895, to Louise L. Peck of that town. They have one daughter, Lois Peck, born July 8, 1898, and are attendants at Christ Episcopal Church. Hunting is his favorite pastime; and he finds genuine enjoyment in his law books. He is a member of the firm of Hoadley & Thomas, attorneys and counsellors-at-law, with office at 39 Church Street, New Haven, and is a graduate of the Yale Law School in the class of 1895. He has filled the dual post of treasurer and secretary of the State Democratic Committee since 1902, and was appointed executive secretary to Governor Simeon E. Baldwin, 1911-13. He is also president of the Mayo Radiator Company, manufacturers of automobile radiators, and has been since 1905. His residence is at 640 Savin Avenue, West Haven.

HENRY NICHOLS BEARDSLEY

One of the earliest members of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., having been welcomed by that body of earnest pioneers on November 27, 1882, and enrolled as No. 32, is allied in Masonry with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Solomon's Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., being principal conductor, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., of which he has been a member for the past thirty years. His A. A. S. R. degrees were received in DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council of Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also associated with Ansonia Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed through all of its chairs. Republican in principle, he served the town of Shelton as warden in 1886. Noble Beardsley was born in Monroe, Conn., June 25, 1835, the son of Hiram and Elmina Nichols Beardsley, the former, native of Monroe, and the latter, of Trumbull. His education was acquired in the public schools of Monroe. On December 2, 1860, he was married in Derby, to Martha Botsford of Seymour. They have one daughter, Marion. Noble Beardsley is of the Congregational faith, as were his parents. He enjoys outdoor sports and reading of general literature. Since 1869 he has been vice-president of the building and contracting firm of the Beardsley Company, with headquarters at 80 Bridge Street, Shelton. His residence is also located in Shelton, at 74 Perry Avenue.

FREDERICK E. BRADY

Enrolled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 6, 1907, as No. 2089, had previously joined the Masonic Order in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T.

Eighteen years of his working life have been spent in railroading for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company. At present he is a parlor-car conductor, having filled that position for the past sixteen years. He was ticket agent for that company in Stamford, and prior to that for two years, before entering their employ, was secretary to his uncle, James W. Hyatt, U. S. treasurer under the Cleveland administration, also president of the Norwalk Street Railway.

Noble Brady was born in Norwalk, Conn., July 26, 1870, and received an education in the public schools of the city of his birth. Steven Augustus and Louisa Amelia Hyatt Brady are his parents. His father is a native of Norwalk, and his mother, of Stamford. His marriage to Milicent Ann Houghton of Philadelphia, Penn., daughter of William Houghton of English birth, and Lydia Hawman Houghton, native of Limerick, Penn., was celebrated in Norwalk, August 14, 1896. They have two children: Raymond Houghton, born October 30, 1898, and Milicent Louise, August 12, 1903. His religious affiliations are Episcopal, and he was brought up in that faith. Baseball is a favorite sport, and his choice of reading is the historical and political. He resides in Norwalk.

W. C. Seeley.

J. W. Skidmore

Edwin S. Thomas.

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ALBERT W. DOW

Noble and member of the Band of Pyramid Temple, was received into that body of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on May 13, 1909, with membership 2263. He is a 32° Mason, having previously attained his connection with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Lodge No. 109. Noble Dow was born in Racine, Wis., August 9, 1865, and received an education in the public schools of his native city. His father was Thomas J. Dow of Rochester, N. Y., and his mother is Ruth B. Burgess Dow. He was married in Racine, Wis., June 26, 1889, to Louise Double, daughter of William and Mary Siggers Double of Lake Forest, Ill. They have two children, Albert and Harold T. His business connection for the past ten years has been that of superintendent for the Spring Perch Company located at 232 John Street, Bridgeport, and his home is at 63 Yale Street, same city.

TRACY B. WARREN

Noble 119 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to that illustrious body on June 20, 1885, his Masonic affiliations being with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council of Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. He has also memberships in the Algonquin, Bridgeport Yacht, and Brooklawn County Clubs of Bridgeport, and in the Army and Navy Club of New York. Politically, he served the city of Bridgeport as alderman, 1883-84, and as city treasurer, 1885-86. The son of David H. and Louisa Bronson Warren, the former of Watertown, and the latter of Middlebury, Noble Warren was born in Watertown, Conn., December 20, 1847. He acquired a college and commercial school education in New Haven, graduating in 1865. On October 28, 1874, he was married to Clara A. Mills of Boston, daughter of John F. Mills. They have four children: John M., born July 11, 1875; Louise B., January 27, 1877; Bronson M., January 8, 1883, and Harvey T., September 14, 1888. His religious connections are with the Episcopal denomination, as were those of his parents. His favorite pastime is baseball, while in reading his interest is general. For thirteen years, prior to 1902, he was the proprietor of the Atlantic Hotel, and in 1907 he started in the fire insurance and real estate business for himself, with office located at 16 Cannon Street, and residence at 405 Seaview Avenue, both in Bridgeport.

HON. CYRUS A. CORNEN, JR.

Of Ridgefield, Conn., accomplished his journey across the burning sands reaching Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., oasis of Bridgeport, on June 6, 1907, in which body he is enrolled 2111. His Masonic affiliations were attained preparatory to those of the Shrine, and they include membership in: Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M., in which he served as master in 1908-9; Eureka Chapter, No. 23, R. A. M., in Danbury, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., in Danbury, having served as junior deacon.

Noble Cornen is a native of Bradford, Penn., where he was born, October 30, 1878, the son of Cyrus A. Cornen, Sr., of New York City, his mother having been Camilla A. Adams Cornen, native of Roscoe, Ill. He received an education in the public schools of Warren, Penn., graduating from the high school there, in 1896. On April 5, 1900, he was married in Ridgefield, to Annie Mae Walker, daughter of Richard and Roxana Nash Walker. Hunting, fishing, baseball, and historical reading are his favorite pastimes. He is the treasurer of St. Stephen's Parish, and a member of that Church.

Noble Cornen votes the Democratic ticket, and in 1909, he was elected town clerk, also judge of probate, in 1910. In 1907, tax collector of Ridgefield, and re-elected in 1908, and in 1906-07, borough clerk. He is interested in the production of petroleum from oil wells.

His business address is Ridgefield Probate Court, and he also resides in Ridgefield.

CHARLES H. SMITH

Of Shelton, was born in New Haven, Conn., September 8, 1878, and received an education in the public schools of his home city, graduating from the high school course in 1897, and subsequently taking a course in physics at Yale. His parents were Wliliam C. and Elizabeth Lehr Smith, the former a native of New York City, and the latter of New Haven. He was married in New Haven, July 28, 1902, to Genevieve Blake of that city. They have a son and a daughter: Charles C., born May 15, 1904, and Susie V., September 9, 1907. Their religious affiliations, also those of his parents, are Episcopal. His business is that of assistant superintendent of Factory B of the International Silver Company, to which position he was appointed in 1907. Prior to that he was, for two years, manual training instructor in the New Haven High School and in Yale University; for seven years, he made scientific instruments, and in 1902, he was interested in auto manufacturing, in Jamaica Plains.

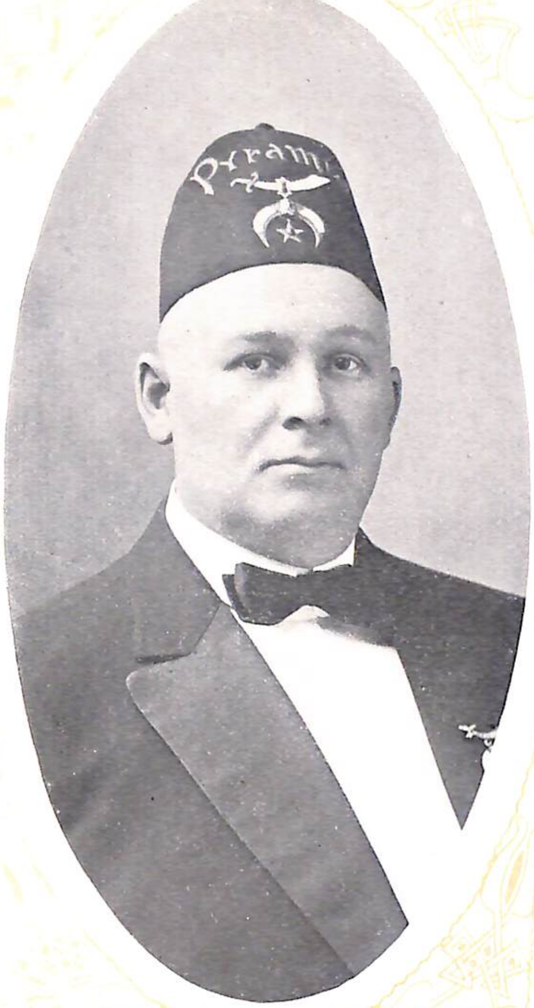
Masonically, he is affiliated with Olive Branch Lodge No. 84, A. F. & A. M., in New Haven; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3, in Derby, in which he is king; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, and the several bodies of the Scottish Rite in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory, 32°. His Shrine affiliations are with Pyramid Temple, to which he gained entrance as a noble on May 9, 1910, with enrollment 2314. He is also a Knight of Pythias, in Connecticut Valley Lodge No. 14, Derby, and of the Shelton Business Men's Association. His favorite pastime is motorboating and fishing, and for the past three years he has been commodore of the Naugatuck Valley Motor Boat Club. His preference in reading is scientific and manufacturing journals. His business address is that of the International Silver Company, Meriden, and his home, 108 Howe Avenue, Shelton.

WILLIAM VOLLMER

Of South Norwalk, was enrolled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., May 5, 1903, his membership number in that body being 1687. His Masonic lodge, in which he was raised, is Old Well No. 108; his Royal Arch chapter, Butler No. 38, and his commandery, Clinton No. 3, K. T., through the medium of which he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of Olive Branch Lodge, of the Knights of Pythias; of the Elks; the Eagles; the South Norwalk Club; the Old Well Fire Department, and of the Arian Singing Society, German State Band.

His political affiliations are Democratic, and he is chief of police in South Norwalk, having held that position since 1888, and was elected sheriff of Fairfield County in 1910. For fourteen years, from 1874, he was employed by Ex-Sheriff Christian Swartz.

Noble Vollmer was born in Newark, N. J., April 24, 1859, and received an education in the public schools of that city. His parents, both of German birth, were George Frederick and Mary Spindler Vollmer. He was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 10, 1882, to Mary E. Perry, daughter of John H. and Mary E. Lovett Perry of Newark, N. J. Their two sons are, John W. and Wallace Perry. His residence is on Crescent Terrace, and his business headquarters are also in South Norwalk.



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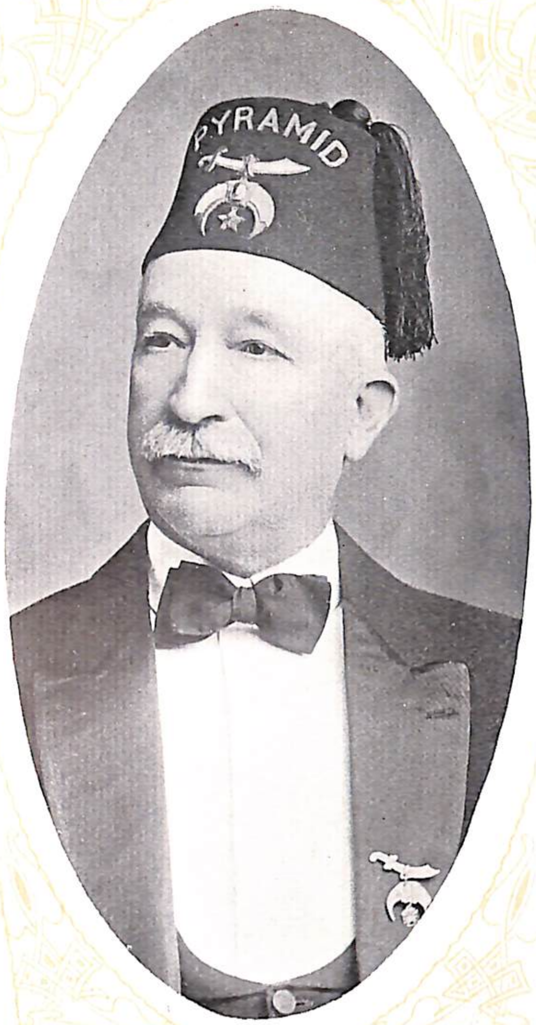

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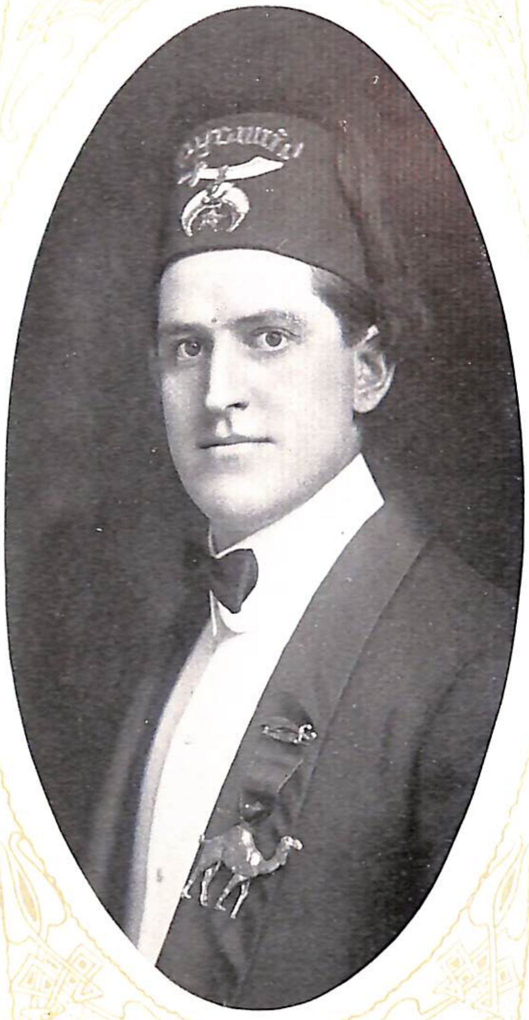

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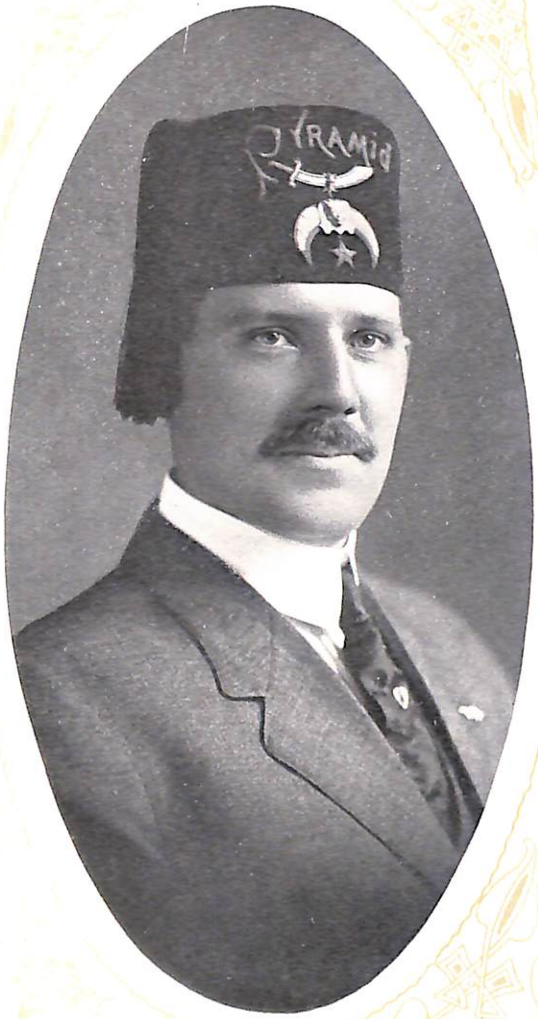

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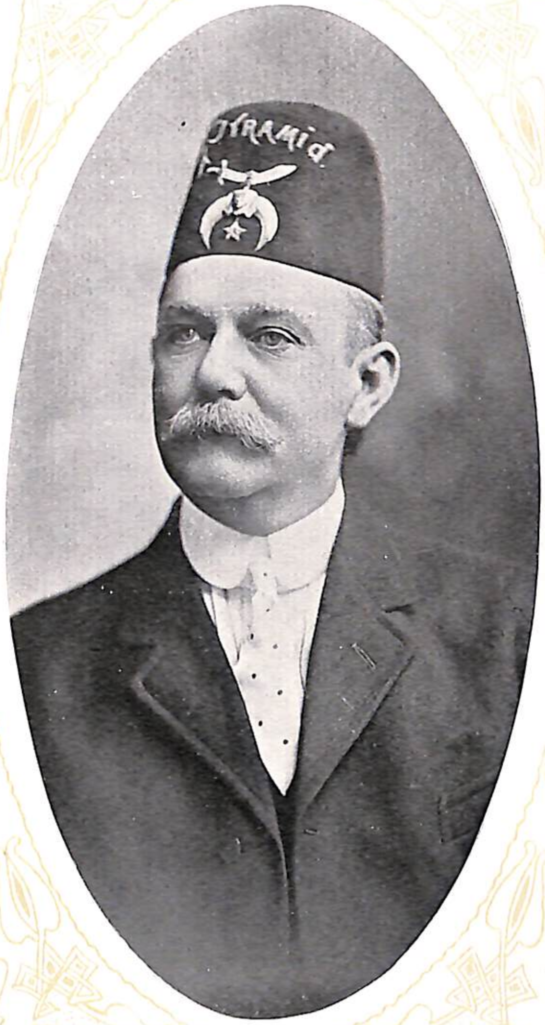

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CHARLES FLETCHER TRISTRAM

Of Norwalk, senior partner, since 1891, in the firm of Tristram & Hyatt, Wall Street, Norwalk, dealers in dry goods and general house furnishings, was born in Darien, Conn., January 1, 1855, son of William H. Tristram of English birth, and Clarissa Avery of Thompson City, N. Y. His marriage to Louise Dix, daughter of Robert Dix, shoe manufacturer of Brooklyn, N. Y., was celebrated in Brooklyn, May 29, 1889. Their one son is Robert Dix, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 26, 1890, a graduate of Andover Academy in the class of 1908, and student in the University of Wisconsin. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of South Norwalk, and Mr. Tristram is a member of the Official Board of said church.

In Masonry he is enrolled in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., being a past master; Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M.; Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of Our Brothers' Lodge No. 10, of the Odd Fellows in Norwalk, and holds membership in the Norwalk and Norwalk Country Clubs.

Noble Tristram is a director of the Fairfield County National Bank, having filled that post for eighteen years, and is a life director in the Norwalk Hospital, also a member of its executive board. He is, likewise, a member of the Board of Trade, and was for two years a member of the Board of Health; of the City Council for two years, and was on the Over River School Committee for nine years, prior to 1904. His former business connection was with Calhoun, Robbins & Company, large wholesale notion dealers on Broadway, New York City, and dated from 1880. He now resides at No. 5 East Wall Street, Norwalk.

CLARENCE D. HALL

A 32° Mason of West Haven, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 6, 1907, with membership No. 2064. He first saw Masonic light in St. Mark's Lodge in Glasgow, Scotland, from which he dimitted to join Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M., in West Haven. He was exalted in Joseph Andrews R. A. Chapter, also in West Haven, where he is master of first veil; was received and greeted in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., in which he is serving as principal conductor, and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., being triangle guard. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred in the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and ex-member of Second Company of the Governor's Foot Guard. Noble Hall is an active Republican; was borough official, 1908-09, also chairman of the Police Committee. He entered his present line of business, that of real estate, in 1905, and prior to that, was for two years interested in the manufacture of cereals, having also been a commercial traveler for three years. His father is B. C. Hall, born in Wallingford, and his mother was Adelaide E. Smith Hall, native of Union City. Noble Hall is a Congregationalist, and his upbringing was in that faith. He was born in Union City, Conn., January 18, 1867, and was there reared and educated. On September 5, 1900, he was married in Norristown, Penn., to Anna I. Mensch of that place. They have two daughters: Katherine A., and Anita, and their residence is at 141 Center Street, West Haven. His real estate office is also at the same address. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports, and he is an ever-interested reader of politics.

FRANK CONLEY

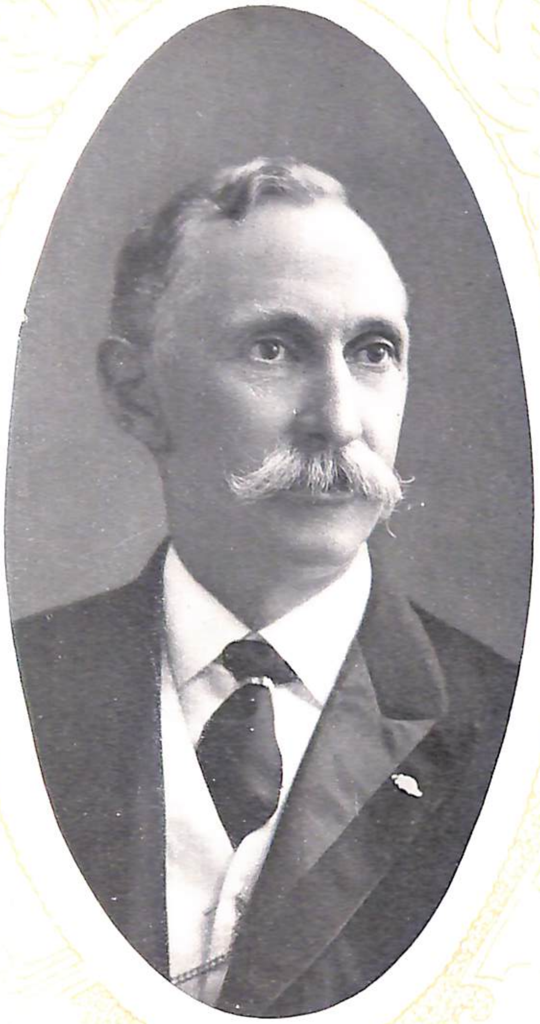
A 32° Mason, late of Torrington, left this material order and entered the Unseen Temple "not made with hands eternal in the heavens," on May 17, 1910. He was a member of the York Rite bodies in New Haven, and of Clark Commandery in Waterbury, also of the A. A. S. R. bodies in Waterbury, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He was raised in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on January 27, 1890, and was therein enrolled as No. 447. The lamented Noble Conley was born in the North of Ireland, on November 19, 1840, and received a public school education in Connecticut. He was married in September, 1874, to Alice Tryon, daughter of Albert and Fannie Smith Tryon, both natives of Monterey, Mass. He was very fond of horses and enjoyed reading. For twenty years, from 1890 to the time of his demise, he was proprietor of a hotel in Torrington.

JAMES B. SMITH

Affiliate of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on April 30, 1891, was therein enrolled as No. 1454. His Masonic degrees were received in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club, the Young Men's Republican Club, the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, the Elks Club and the New Haven Yacht Club, of the last named having been rear commodore four years, 1900-1903 inclusive. He served the town of West Haven, as burgess and fire commissioner. Noble Smith was born in New Haven, Conn., on December 8, 1872, and graduated from the New Haven High School in 1891, afterwards attending the Columbia School of Mines. His parents were James B. and Emily M. Plumb Smith, the former of Albany, N. Y., and the latter, native of New Haven. Noble Smith was married in Meriden, on June 29, 1899, to Catherine Miller of that city, and they have one child, Kathryn Miller. They are attendants at the Episcopal Church, of which he is also vestryman. Fishing, yachting, horseback-riding, and billiards are his favorite pastimes. He is also fond of historical reading. Since 1897 he has been engaged in the investment and banking business, at 141 Orange Street, New Haven, and in New York City He resides at 575 Beach Street, West Haven.

HENRY JOHN WYLIE

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason of Torrington, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 14, 1906, where he is enrolled 1998. As a Mason, he was previously raised in Seneca Lodge No. 55, where he was four years secretary; exalted in Cyrus Chapter No. 45, R. A. M., being three years its secretary; received and greeted in Buell Council No. 14, R. & S. M.; and knighted in Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T. He has received all of the Scottish Rite degrees in the Waterbury bodies, excepting the consistorial, which was taken in Lafayette, of Bridgeport. He holds membership in the Torrington Club. Beginning his mercantile life in 1895 as office boy, with The Hotchkiss Brothers Company of Torrington, he was twelve years later, in 1907, appointed assistant treasurer, becoming also a stockholder and director in the firm, and later appointed as secretary of the corporation. He is also secretary of The Seymour Lbr. & Hdwe. Co., of Seymour, Conn. Noble Wylie was born in Torrington, Conn., June 24, 1880, but was educated in the public schools of Johnstone and the John Neilson Institution of Paisley, Scotland. His parents are both of Scottish origin; his father, Henry Wylie, having come from Elderslie, and his mother, Janet McTaggart, from Falkirk. Noble Wylie's father is past master of Seneca Lodge No 55, and of Houston, St. Johnstone No. 242, of Johnstone, Scotland. On June 15, 1904, he was married to Nellie G. Hopkins of Torrington, and they have two children: Sidney Hopkins, born March 10, 1905, and Henry Woodward, born December 20, 1907. They reside at 41 Hoffman Street, and his business address is Hotchkiss Bros. Co, Water Street, Torrington.



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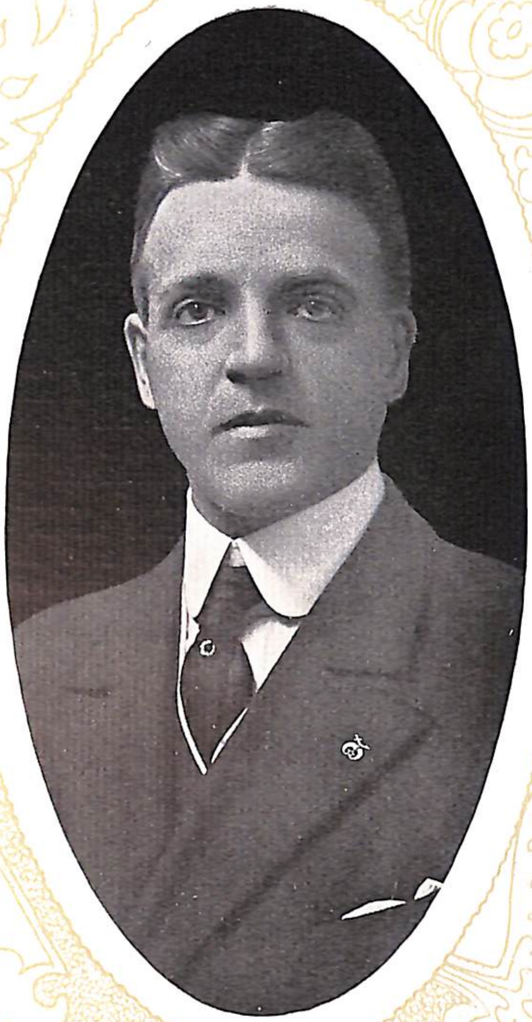

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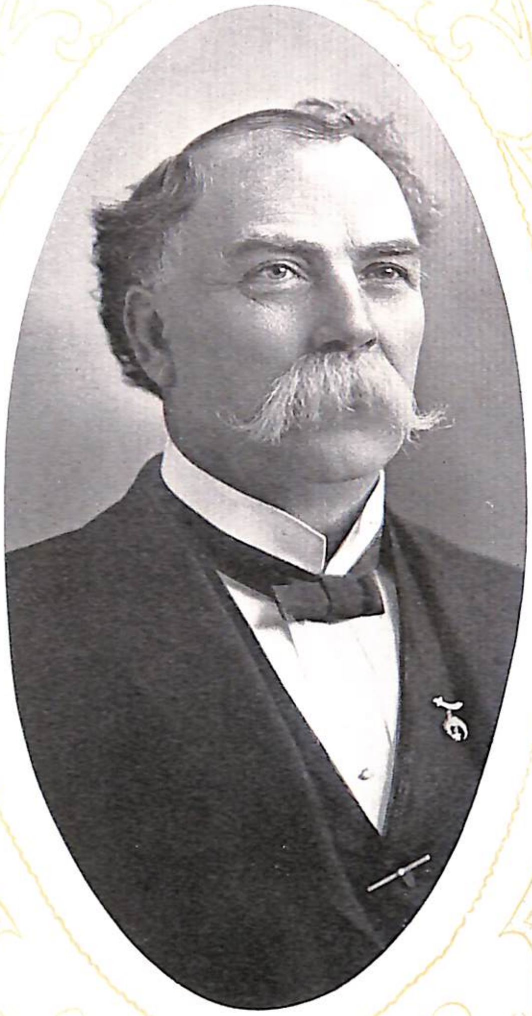

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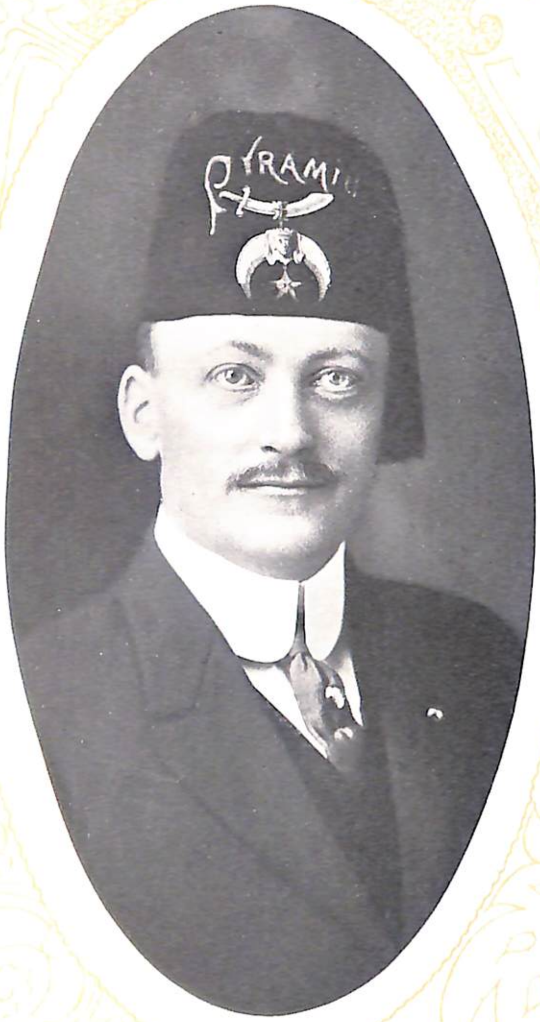

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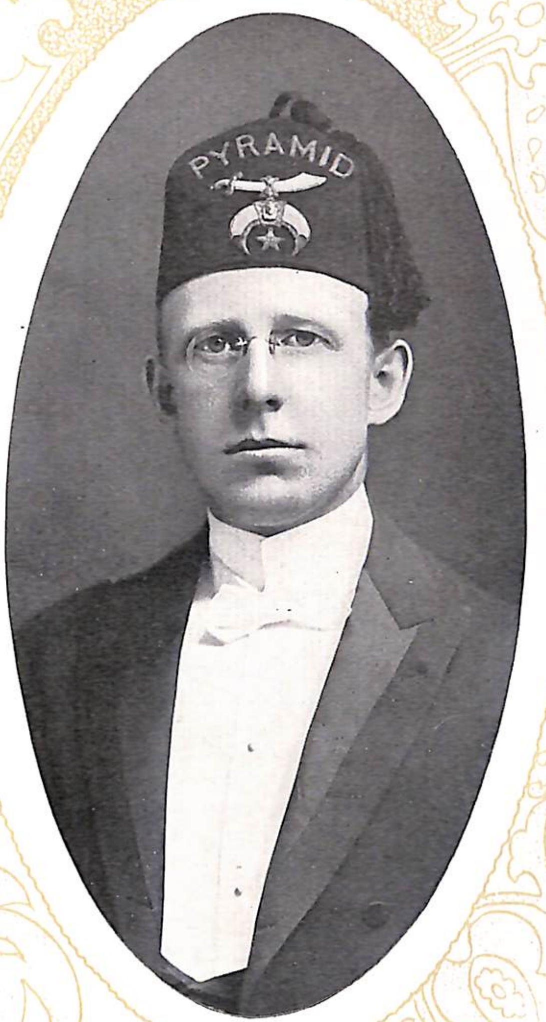

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JOHN ELLIOT

Born in Scotland, January 20, 1868, the son of John and Ellen Carswell Elliot, both natives of the Scottish Lowlands. He was educated in the public schools of Dalbeattie and the Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College of Glasgow. He is a lover of all outdoor sports, and his reading interest is newspapers and periodicals. Politically a Republican, he was a delegate to the Congressional Convention in Middletown, when Sperry was nominated the first time. Masonically, he is connected with George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and was admitted to the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on May 8, 1911, his membership number being 2360. He is also fraternally associated with the Knights of Pythias in Ansonia Lodge No. 24. Noble Elliot was a machinist from 1882, and since 1902 he has been secretary of the Cameron Electric Manufacturing Company, located at 205 Main Street, Ansonia. His residence is at 24 Culver Street, Seymour.

EUGENE S. MARSH

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 2, 1902, and therein enrolled 1587, is a 32° Mason, with affiliations in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., in which he has served as senior deacon; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Masonic Club of New Haven; of the Telephone Educational Society of New Haven; the Telephone Club of Bridgeport, and is a charter member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. He was also drum sergeant of the National Guard, Company E, of Illinois. He has devoted his entire business life to the telephone and telegraph calling, beginning with the Chicago Telephone Company in 1880, from which, in 1886, he became associated with the Northern Pacific Railroad, in the telegraphing department, and, in 1888, with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, until January 1, 1890, when he accepted his present position as special agent for the Southern New England Telephone Company. It goes without saying that he is a past master in the telephone business as well as one of its pioneers. Noble Marsh was born in St. Charles, Kane County, Ill., December 12, 1866, and attended school in his native town. He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth R. Elmore Marsh. On November 24, 1889, he was married in New Haven to Alma M. Beebe of that city. They have one child, Nona E., and are attendants at the Baptist Church. Boating, fishing and yachting are his favorite outdoor recreations, while his chief interest in reading is in works pertaining to telegraphy and electricity. His business address is 114 Court Street, and he resides at 26 Hillock Street, New Haven.

WILLIAM GILBERT NEWELL

Son of Francis Z. Newell and Harriet Gilbert Newell, both of Middletown, was born in East Hartford, Conn., June 29, 1849. He was educated in the public schools of Middletown, and took special courses in the Bryant & Stratton, and Remington schools in Hartford, graduating in 1867. He was married, January 28, 1874, to Mary E. Carter, daughter of James F. and Harriet F. Carter of Middletown. They have one daughter, Elizabeth C. The family are members of the Episcopal Church. One of Noble Newell's ancestors on his maternal side was a French soldier who came over to America with the Noble Lafayette, through which fact he is a member of Silliman Chapter, General Silliman Branch, Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Noble Newell is a dancing professor in Bridgeport, and has been since 1869. He plays the baritone in the Temple Band. From 1869 to 1876, he played with Felsburg's Band of New Haven, and for the following two and a half years with Cheney's Band in South Manchester. He was formerly a tool-maker in Wheeler & Wilson's Sewing Machine Factory, and played the trombone in the Wheeler & Wilson Brass Band for fourteen years. For seven consecutive summers he has been master of ceremonies at Manhansett House, Shelter Island, Long Island, N. Y.

On May 25, 1891, he was made a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with enrollment 717, his Masonic qualifications coming through the medium of St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°.

Noble Newell is devoted to yachting and outdoor sports in general. He reads historical and scientific works, as a relaxation from the artistic life which he pursues. In politics, he is a Republican. His business address is 1005 Broad Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 25 Liberty Street, same city.

AUGUSTUS E. BLAKESLEE

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 9, 1895, with membership No. 1088, was Masonically qualified in Union Lodge No. 96, F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Granite Chapter No. 36, R. A. M., being high priest two years, and secretary for the past thirty years; Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M., and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T. He has also been grand high priest of the Connecticut Grand Chapter. His other fraternal association is with Gasceon Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, Thomaston. Noble Blakeslee was born in Thomaston, formerly called Plymouth, on July 20, 1843, and there attended the public schools, also the Episcopal Academy of Cheshire. His parents were Stephen Burritt and Sarah Smith Blakeslee, both natives of Thomaston. In Derby, on July 22, 1868, he was united in marriage with May J. Hart of Thomaston. They have two children, Ruth Anna and F. Emma. Music is to him a delightful recreation. He is a member of Pyramid Band, taking the 2d E flat alto part. Politically a Democrat, he has been eight years postmaster in Thomaston, and for nine years was assistant postmaster under Republican administration. For the past three years, he has been connected with the furniture business. His residence is in Thomaston.

FRANK A. LACEY

A 32° Mason, and member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., into the nobility of which he was received on May 5, 1903, with enrollment 1623, is well known to the traveling public as a conductor on the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad, having been in that service continuously for the past quarter of a century. His consistory is Lafayette, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, and he has received all the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Bridgeport bodies. He was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., and exalted in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23, having first come to light in Masonry in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in Danbury. He is, likewise, affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, being a past worthy patron, in Stellar Chaper, 55, also in Danbury. Noble Lacey was born in Brookfield, Conn., April 23, 1870, and attended public schools in Brookfield and Danbury. His father, a New Yorker by birth, is Albert F. Lacey, and his mother was Lucy F. Salmons Lacey, both Episcopalians, as is their son. He was married April 5, 1904, to Mary F. Wheeler of Bethel, daughter of George and Charlotte Lawrence Wheeler, the former native of Redding, and the latter, of Wisconsin. He resides in Danbury, at 5 Madison Avenue.

John Elliot

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SWAN F. HANSON

Of Stamford, received his 32° of the Scottish Rite, in Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, on April 20, 1910. His York Rite Masonic bodies are: Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M.; Rittenhouse R. A. Chapter No. 11; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. On May 5, 1905, he became attached to the Order of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, his enrollment therein being 1857. Subsequently, he became affiliated with the Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport. Noble Hanson was born in Karlskrona, Sweden, December 12, 1857, the son of Hans P. and Cecilia Suneson, both of same nativity. He was married to Augusta Hultenius of Oland, Sweden, in South Norwalk, March 28, 1883. They have two sons: Carl Oscar, born August 10, 1884, and Hjalmar Theodore, November 13, 1886. Their religious belief is Episcopal, same as their parents. Noble Hanson's business is that of assistant foreman for the Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company, in their iron foundry where he was first employed in 1884. In 1896, he accepted the position of foreman in the foundry of the Naugatuck Malleable Iron Company, from which he resigned in 1899, and re-entered the employ of the former company. He is a member of the Scandinavian Society Norden, in Three Crown Lodge No. 38, of the Vasa Order, and of the Turner Liedertafel Society, in Stamford. Noble Hanson is a justice of the peace in Stamford, having been elected to that post in 1904, and re-elected at each succeeding term. His business address: Care, Yale & Towne, Stamford, Conn., and his home: 450 Main Street.

PHILIP ADAM WUTERICH

Entered Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., as a life member on April 9, 1906, with enrollment 1976. He was raised in Masonry in Centre Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M., in Meriden; exalted to Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. Besides his Masonic connections, he is a member of Hancock Lodge No. 28, I. O. O. F.; Anchor Rebekah Lodge No. 48; Columbia Council No. 5; O. U. A. M. Camp No. 5, P. O. S. of A., and the Meriden Home Club. Noble Wuterich was born in Tracy, Conn., April 25, 1876, and received an education in public and private schools of Meriden, and Yale Business College of New Haven. His parents, both of German birth, are Frederick Wuterich of Wurtemberg, and Fredericka Handel Wuterich of Wurtemberg. He was married in Wallingford, on July 14, 1904, to Maude Beatrice Jacob of that place. They have two children, Roswell Everett Francis and Ellsworth Warren. His religious affiliations are Episcopal, as were those of his parents. He is interested in all outdoor sports, and the reading of general literature. For the past ten years, he has been a commercial traveler for The Charles Parker Company of Meriden, and the five years prior to that was paymaster for that company. His residence is also in Meriden, at 120 Liberty Street.

AUGUST M. ENGELHARD

Holds the rank of oriental guide in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, into which he was received as a member, on May 5, 1903, the number of his enrollment being 1631. Noble Engelhard is a 32° Mason, and a member of Lafayette Consistory, having taken all of his degrees in the Bridgeport bodies of the York and Scottish Rite. He is most wise master in his chapter of Rose Croix; was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; received his cryptic degrees from Jerusalem Council No. 13, R. & S. M.; was exalted in Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13, in which he is a past high priest, and first saw Masonic light in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M. He is also an Odd Fellow, and past chief patriarch in the Bridgeport Encampment. Noble Engelhard was born in Frankenthal, Ger., September 5, 1863, and was educated in the public schools of Bridgeport. His father was Charles Engelhard, also native of Frankenthal, and his mother is Barbara Averill Engelhard. On August 26, 1885, his marriage to Lucy E. Williams, daughter of Wallace and Jane E. Kelsey Williams of Bridgeport, was celebrated. Noble and Mrs. Engelhard are members of the Episcopal Church. In political matters he is an Independent. Instrumental music is his favorite diversion, and in reading he prefers the historical. His business connection since 1877, has been with the D. M. Read Company of Bridgeport, where he is buyer and manager in the furniture department. He also held office, 1890-92, in the auditing department of the Bridgeport Post Office. His home is at 322 Johns Street, Bridgeport .

HON. JOHN R. BOOTH

Of Danbury, has been judge in the City Court of Danbury, since March 1, 1907, and was fourteen years prosecuting attorney in the City Court, having previously filled that position from 1893 to 1907. Prior to that date he was judge of probate, 1891-92, in 1890 having been town clerk of Danbury, and admitted to the bar in 1889. Noble Booth was born in Danbury, July 16, 1867, and educated in the public schools of his home city, graduating from the high school in 1885, and later took a special course in the Yale Law School. His parents were David B. and Julia Richards Booth, the former of Danbury, and the latter of Farmington. His father was an Episcopalian, and Noble Booth, also adheres to that faith. His marriage to Elizabeth M. Dibble, daughter of Charles C. and Anna Johnson Dibble of Bethel, was celebrated in that town, June 24, 1896. They have two children: John D., born March 29, 1902, and Elizabeth R., July 16, 1905. On June 8, 1904, he became noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and was enrolled in that body as No. 1777. Prior to that date he had attained connections with the following Masonic bodies: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., which he is now serving as master; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also affiliated with Progressive Lodge No. 18, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Wooster Lodge No. 30, Knights of Pythias; Danbury Lodge No. 120, of the Elks; is a member of the Danbury Club; of the University Club of Bridgeport, and a Republican. His business offices are in Danbury, at 187-189 Main Street, and he resides at 142 Deer Hill Avenue.

WILLIAM H. PORTER.

Of Pyramid Temple, was born in Holley, N. Y., receiving an education in the academy of his native town. He was the son of Samuel M. and Maria Carpenter Porter. In 1866 he was united in marriage with Sarah G. Richards, daughter of William T. and Elizabeth Clark Richards of Pottney, Vt. They have one child, Lilly N. Mrs. Porter, besides being one of the most prominent workers in the Eastern Star organization, has distinguished herself as past historian of the Grand Lodge of that order in Bridgeport. Noble Porter is master of the first veil in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; conductor of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; a member of Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. In politics, he is a stanch Republican, and his religious views are Episcopal. His favorite recreation is yachting. In literature his mind naturally turns to scientific subjects. Noble Porter has been master mechanic with the Tomlinson Spring and Axle Company of Bridgeport. He was also with the Bullard Machine Tool Company from 1888 to 1897, and in the Bridgeport Iron Works, 1866-68. At present he has charge of the Masonic Temple at Bridgeport.

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JOHN CHARLES KEYES

Became identified with the nobles of Pyramid Temple No. 8, oasis of Bridgeport, on November 28, 1910. His Masonic degrees of the York Rite were received from Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; and of the Scottish Rite, from E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, P. of J.; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also fraternally connected with the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs of New Haven; with Hammonassett Tribe of Red Men, and with the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Aerie No. 242, both in New Haven. He is, too, a member of the Commercial Travelers' Association, and since 1910, has been traveling salesman for the United States Radiator Corporation; for thirty-two years prior to that having been engaged in the plumbing, heating and fitting business for himself. Noble Keyes was born in Orange, Conn., August 27, 1861, and received a public school education in New Haven. His parents were Jacob and Fredericka Keyes, both of German nativity. His business address is 3-5-7 West 29th Street, New York City, and his residence, 184 Temple Street, New Haven.

CHARLES A. SHERWOOD

Admitted to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 25, 1904, his membership in that body of Ancient Arabic Nobles being 1737. His Masonic affiliations were previously made with St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 24, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. He is also an Elk.

The hat manufacturing industry has claimed his attention throughout his business career, which began in 1873, as an apprentice with Crofut and Knapp, that connection continuing until 1888, when he transferred his interests to the John C. Wilson & Company, of which he is vice-president and superintendent.

Noble Sherwood was born in Norwalk, Conn., May 10, 1855. His parents were Jesse and Abbie J. Disbrow Sherwood, the former of Bedford, N. Y., and the latter of Westport. On November 22, 1883, his marriage to May E. Buckman, daughter of Isaac Buckman of Norwalk, was celebrated. They attend the Episcopal Church, and their home is at 24 Belden Avenue, Norwalk, while his business is located in South Norwalk, at the intersection of South Main and Cross Streets.

FREDERICK E. BROWN

Bandmaster of Pyramid Band, from its organization in 1909, and solo player of cornet of Sphinx Temple Band of Hartford, since 1904, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S, on April 25, 1904, and therein enrolled, 1736. His Shrine qualification came through his Masonic connections with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Brown was born in Ashford, Conn., February 17, 1857. His father was John A. Brown, native of Ashford, and his mother is Sarah B. Simmons Brown. He attended the public schools of his native town, and was there married on December 29, 1886, to Abbie H. Byles, daughter of Andrew H. and Martha A. Sharp Byles, of that place. Noble Brown is a Congregationalist, an enthusiastic golf player, a member of the Mill Hill Golf Club, of the Sea Side Club, and a Republican. He enjoys political reading, music, and all outdoor sports. From 1898 to 1904, he was agent for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, when he received the appointment of general agent for that company, and co-ordinately, for the line of fire insurance offered by Linburgh Carraher and Company. His business address is 167 State Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 308 Park Street, same city.

HERBERT CLAYTON NICKERSON

Admitted to the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine through the portals of Pyramid Temple No. 8, oasis of Bridgeport, on May 8, 1911, with enrollment 2349, bears Masonic allegiance to Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M., in which he is king; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Nickerson was born in New Canaan, Conn., March 5, 1874, and was educated in public and private schools of East Haven and New Haven. His parents are Richard G. and Arabella T. Seymour Nickerson, the former of New York State, and the latter a native of North Wilton, Conn. He was married in East Haven, on October 25, 1899, to May Etta Forbes of that place, and they have one child, Eunice Isabel. They are attendants at the First Congregational Church. Autoing is his favorite recreation. In 1911 he was elected second selectman of East Haven, and for the past twenty years he has been connected with the New Haven Water Company, in 1904 having been appointed chief engineer of pumping stations. He resides in East Haven, where he has been secretary and treasurer of the East Haven Telephone and Electric Company for the past seven years.

ALBERT GARINGER

Noble 2297 in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, into which he was received, May 9, 1910, was made a Mason and still holds membership in Long Island Lodge No. 382, Brooklyn, N. Y. He is a member of Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons; of Washington Council No. 6, Royal and Select Masters, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, in which he is captain general. He received all of the Scottish Rite degrees in Bridgeport, and is a member of Lafayette Consistory, from which he received his thirty-second degree, on April 24, 1911. He was admitted to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Rising Star Lodge No. 75, Osceola, Neb.; was transferred to Montauk Lodge No. 114, Brooklyn, N. Y., in which lodge he passed through the chairs, and is now a member of Puritan Lodge of Stamford. He is a first lieutenant on the retired list of the Connecticut National Guard. He participated in twenty-three engagements in the Philippines, while serving as a private, corporal and sergeant in the 1st Nebraska U. S. Volunteer Infantry. His business is that of superintendent for the Atlantic Insulated Wire Company, having been with that company since 1903. For three years prior to that he was an assistant engineer in the office of the chief engineer of the New York Telephone Company. Noble Garinger was born in Bluff Point, Ind., and was educated in Nebraska, taking the electrical engineering course in the University of Nebraska. His father was John J. Garinger, an Ohioan by birth, and his mother was Harriet Bockoven Garinger, formerly of Ohio. He was married May 1, 1901, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Annetta Burns of that city, daughter of John and Mary Hoffman Burns. Their one son, Frederick G., was born May 20, 1902. His favorite reading is science and history. Rifle and pistol shooting are much enjoyed by him as a relaxation from business. Through changes of residence during the period of his school life, as a youth his experience was unusually varied, having attended public schools in Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. The business with which he is connected is in Stamford, on Ludlow Street, and his home is at 30 Second Street, Stamford.

J C Keyes

Frederick E. T. Brown

Chas A. Sherwood

Herbert C. Nickerson

Albert Garinger

WILLIS J. GRIFFING

In York Rite Masonry affiliated with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; and New Haven Commandery No. 2 K. T., was admitted to the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, on December 14, 1904, and enrolled as 1790. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and a resident of New Haven, where he was born January 29, 1865. He received his early education in its public schools, and later took a course in the Yale Business College. His father was Ebenezer Griffing of Newtown, and his mother is Charlotte Rockwell of New Haven. He was married to Fannie E. Lane, also of New Haven, on October 15, 1890, the ceremony having been performed in that city. They have one child, Ebenezer Chauncey, and reside at 28 Howard Avenue, New Haven. Since 1883, Noble Griffing has been in the lumber business with the New Haven Saw Mill Company on Chapel and East Streets, New Haven, dealers in Georgia pine, and since 1899 he has continuously filled its secretarial post.

CHARLES A. JENNINGS

Was five times master, and is now past master of Ark Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M., in Georgetown. He is also royal arch captain of Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 19, in Ridgefield; a member of Washington Council No. 17, Royal and Select Masters, in Norwalk, and guard in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., in Danbury. He was knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 3 in 1869, becoming a charter member of Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., in Danbury. On April 23, 1897, he was admitted to Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, his enrollment number in that body being 1215.

Noble Jennings is a veteran of the Civil War, having served three years as sergeant of Company G, 17th Connecticut Regiment of Volunteers, and being now president of their association. He has a long record as foreman in the winding department of the Gilbert Burnett Manufacturing Company of Georgetown.

Noble Jennings was born in Wilton, Conn., February 28, 1842. His father was Charles Jennings, native of Ridgefield, and his mother, Maria Stratton Jennings of North Salem, N. Y. He was married January 5, 1871, to Laura A. Olmstead, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Fillow Olmstead of Georgetown. They have two children: Floyd C., and Florence J. Howe. He finds Masonry a pleasing subject of study, and devotes to it much of his leisure. He also enjoys historical and political reading, is a Congregationalist, and resides in Georgetown.

FRANK S. SLOSSON

Of Bridgeport, is the present Oriental guide of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He became a noble in that body, on April 27, 1899, 1319 being the number of his enrollment. His earlier Masonic affiliations were with the following bodies: Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, serving as eminent commander in 1911; De Witt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a charter member of the Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple. Noble Slosson was born in Kent, Conn., January 24, 1870, the son of John and Anna T. Banks Slosson. He received an education in private schools of his native town. His marriage to Amy Lee Wells, daughter of Albert S. and Alice Lee Wells, was celebrated in Bridgeport, June 14, 1904. They attend the Episcopal Church, while he was brought up a Congregationalist. Hunting, fishing and golf are his favorite sports, and he holds membership in the Algonquin Club, the Brooklawn Country Club, and the Union League of New Haven. He is district manager of the Mercantile Agency of R. G. Dunn & Co., having been identified with that firm for the past twenty-one years. His department of the business is conducted at 83 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, and 132 Orange Street, New Haven. He resides on Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport.

WILLIAM L. GRISWOLD, M. D.

President of the Fairfield County Medical Association, and member of the School Board of the town of Greenwich, since 1902, has been there engaged in the practice of his profession, since 1885. He joined the Masonic Order in 1886, becoming a member of Acacia Lodge No. 85, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; was exalted in Rittenhouse R. A. Chapter No. 11; received and greeted in Washington Council No. 6, Royal and Select Masters, and knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., following which, on December 14, 1904, he entered Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment in that body being 1824. He is also a Knight of Pythias, in Pine Lodge, Greenwich, and an Odd Fellow in the Greenwich Lodge, Empire No. 8.

Noble Griswold was born in Banksville, N. Y., February 12, 1861; attended the public schools of Winsted, Conn., and graduated with honor from the Yale Scientific School in 1881, with degree of Ph. B. His medical course was taken at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, where he received the degree of M. D. His parents are Dr. Ralph Barnard and Mary Jane Derby Griswold. His father is a native of Colebrook, Conn., and he, too, is a physician, and has practiced medicine in Banksville, N. Y., since 1857. His marriage to Carolyn E. Morrell, daughter of William and Ellen Hall Morrell of Lawrenceville, N. Y., was celebrated in her native town, on Christmas Day, 1906. Their one son is Ralph M., born December 28, 1907. Noble Griswold enjoys hunting and fishing as sports, and his reading is mainly scientific, with fiction for diversion. His religious belief is in the Methodist Church, and his political faith is in Democratic principles. He resides in Greenwich, at 19 West Elm Street.

CHARLES B. TUTTLE

Of Bridgeport, was born in Southington, Conn., October 18, 1854, and received an education in the public schools of his native town, later taking a course in the Scranton Correspondence Schools, in which he graduated from the mechanical engineering department. His father was Hezekiah Tuttle, and his mother, Anna Clark Tuttle, both Methodists. Noble Tuttle was married in Guilford, June 27, 1876, to Emma Frances Morris of New York City. They reside at 865 Cranston Avenue.

His Masonic affiliations are with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory 32°. His Masonic connections having fully qualified him for entrance to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, he was accordingly received into that Ancient Arabic Order on May 15, 1900, his membership card being numbered 1393. He is also a member of Arcanum Lodge No. 41, of the Odd Fellows in Bridgeport, likewise of Stratford Encampment No. 23, I. O. O. F., in Bridgeport, and of the Sea Side Club.

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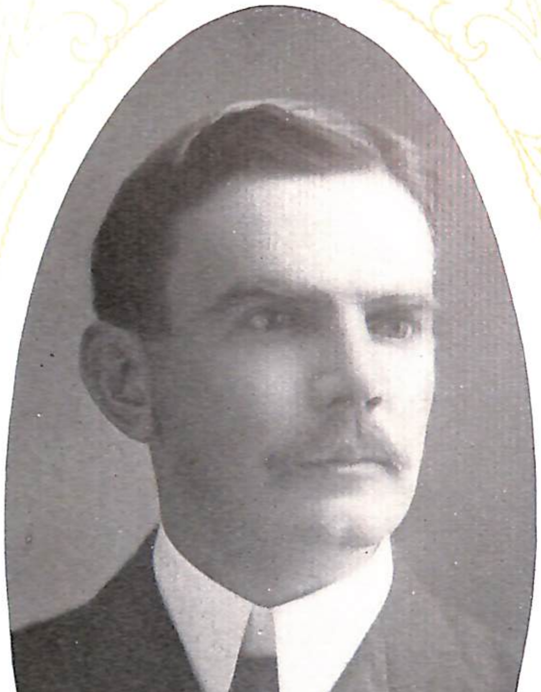

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EDWARD E. BUCKLIN, PH. B., A. M.

Was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, with enrollment 2123. As a Mason he had previously been raised in Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Benevolent Chapter No. 21, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Mystic Council No. 29, R. & S. M., and knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T. By political conviction a Republican, he has served the town of his adoption both on the District School Committee and its Board of Trade. Noble Bucklin is a native of Providence, R. I., and was born October 18, 1869. There, too, he was educated, graduating from Brown University in 1896, with the degree of Ph. B., and in 1899, with A. M. He is a member of Rhode Island Alpha of Phi Delta Theta. His father was Samuel S. Bucklin of Ludlow, Mass., and his mother is Clara A. Pollard Bucklin of Charlestown, N. H. His marriage to Hope Wiggin of Providence was celebrated on October 21, 1896. They have three children: Adelaide Elizabeth, Helen Slater, and Winthrop Dudley. Noble Bucklin is a Baptist, and was brought up in that faith. He is fond of all outdoor sports, also of historical, political and scientific reading; is interested in music, and for a number of years was leader of the Mystic Band, the cornet being his chosen instrument. He is a member of the Men's Club of Mystic, and resides in that town. From 1899 he has been engaged in surveying and engineering projects. His business address is East Hill, Mystic.

WILLIAM B. TUTTLE

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 1, 1900, and therein enrolled No. 1391, has Masonic affiliations, previously made, with the following bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No 5, Knights Templar. He is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Oronoque Lodge No. 90; is one of the Red Men; an Elk; a member of the Eastern Star, and a Republican. He is half owner in Minor's Hotel, with Noble George E. Smith; firm's name—George E. Smith and Company—established over fifty years ago. Noble Tuttle was born in Fairfield, Conn., August 5, 1862, and received an education in the Staples Institute, and Eastman's Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His father was Minott Tuttle, native of Fairfield, and his mother is Eliza M. Banks Tuttle. His wife, to whom he was married in New York City, was Ada E. Tuttle of Westport. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, and he resides in Stratford, at the corner of Main and Church Streets.

GEORGE E. HALL, LL. B.

Past master of Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., is also Masonically enrolled in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, of Royal and Select Masters; New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar; the New Haven A. A. S. R. bodies, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He joined Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on December 27, 1899, his membership therein being No. 1348. He is, likewise, affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in City Lodge No. 36, New Haven, and with the Woodmen of the World, and holds membership in the Graduates' Club; Young Men's Republican Club of New Haven, and the Waterbury Club. Noble Hall has been councilman, alderman, and assistant city attorney; a member of the State Tuberculosis Commission, and of the Republican Town Committee of New Haven for the last fifteen years. In January, 1896, he enlisted in the New Haven Grays, and has been continuously connected with the Connecticut National Guard since that time, now being major in the 2d Regiment Infantry, C. N. G. In 1894 he graduated from Yale University with the degree of LL. B. Noble Hall was born in New Haven, Conn., and resides in that city, at No. 1 West Park Avenue, his business address being 865 Chapel Street, New Haven.

HAROLD H. BARNES

Gained admission to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on January 11, 1911, and was therein enrolled 2342 He has Masonic connections in Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 25, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and with the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport He is also a member of the New Haven Yacht Club. Born in Reading, Penn., August 28, 1886, he attended public and private schools in New Haven. His father, of New Haven nativity, was Edward H. Barnes, and his mother of Albany, N. Y., is Julia Hemingway, and is a general reader. For the past year he has been an automobile agent, and resides at 1228 Quinnipiac Avenue, New Haven.

JACOB KOCH

Admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on May 5, 1903, with enrollment 1616, is Masonically connected with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Amaranth. In business he is connected with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company. Noble Koch was born in New York City, October 10, 1871, and was educated in the public schools there. His father was Christopher Koch, and his mother is Sarah Webber Koch, both of German birth and extraction. He was united in marriage with Georgiana Louise Hentz, in Hyde Park, Mass., on June 29, 1910. He is a Baptist, as were his parents, and Mrs. Koch is an attendant at the First Christ Episcopal Church. He is employed in the car shops of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company at Readville, Mass., his residence being at 61 East River Street, Hyde Park, Mass.

EDWARD E. ALLEN

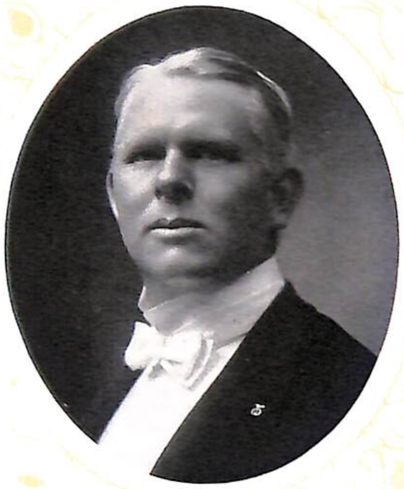
Born in Abington, Mass., July 17, 1872, the son of Daniel Warren Allen of Stoneham, Me., who passed away on May 24, 1911, at the age of seventy-three, and Frances A. Dyer Allen, who is a native of South Paris, Me. Noble Allen is a bass singer in the choirs of Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He became a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 14, 1904, having been therein enrolled as No. 1791. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Since 1904 he has been connected with the Southern New England Telephone Company, in their commercial department, and for about fourteen years prior to his entrance into the telephone business, he was in the shoe trade as salesman for firms in Boston and New Haven. His late father, too, was a Mason, and member of the John Cutler Lodge of Abington, Mass., having been raised in that lodge in 1868. He also belonged to the chapter, council and commandery in the same town. Noble Allen received an education in the public schools of his native town and Thayer Academy of South Braintree, Mass. He was married in New Haven, June 6, 1899, to Gertrude Louise Bishop of that city. They are attendants at the Congregational Church, and reside at 167 Norton Street, New Haven.

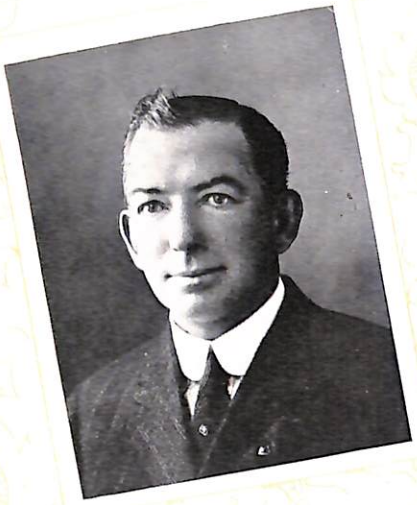
JOHN F. ALVORD

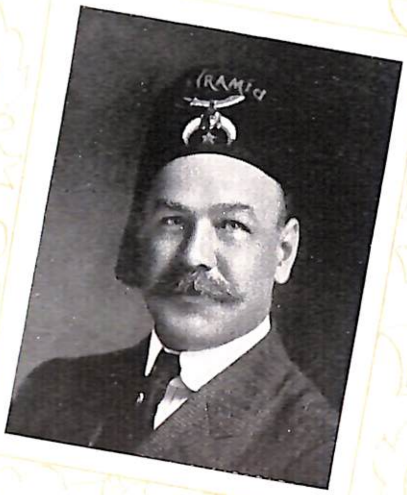
A 32° Mason, and president of the Excelsior Needle Company from 1898, also of the Torrington National Bank, entered the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid Temple, on January 27, 1890, with enrollment 474. As a Mason, he was previously entered, passed and raised in Seneca Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., where he is a past senior warden; was exalted in Cyrus Chapter No. 45, R. A. M., received and greeted in Buell Council No. 14, R. & S. M., and knighted in Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is a member of the Torrington Club, the Union League Club of New York, and the Union Club of Boston. His residence is 128 Church Street, Torrington.

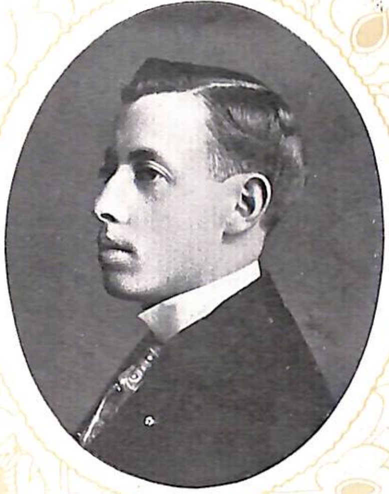
OLIVER D. L. BURROWS

A 32° Mason of Groton, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1905, with membership 1880, having previously made his Masonic connections with Union Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M., where he is a past master; Union Chapter No. 7, R. A. M, being a past high priest; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., in which he is a past thrice illustrious master, and most puissant grand master of the Grand Council of Connecticut, and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., which he is now serving as senior warden. He has also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees, and his home consistory is Norwich. He is, likewise, one of the Heptasophs of Groton. Noble Burrows was born in Sandwich, Ill., and attended the public schools of Groton, graduating from the high school in 1888. He was the son of Joshua L. and Lucy A. Latham Burrows. Prior to 1910, for fifteen years, he was employed by Nichols and Harris, druggists of New London, and since that time he has been connected with the Wheeler drug store in Mystic. He resides in Groton.









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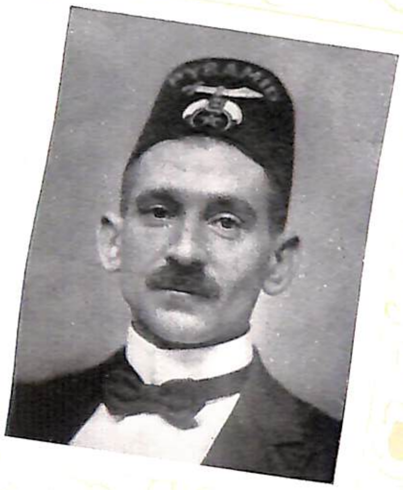

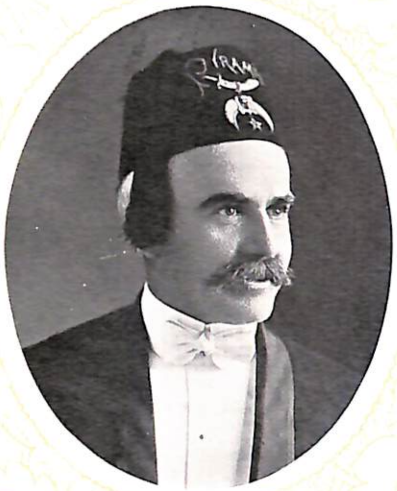

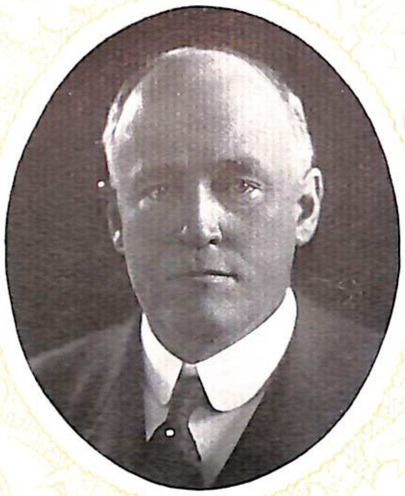

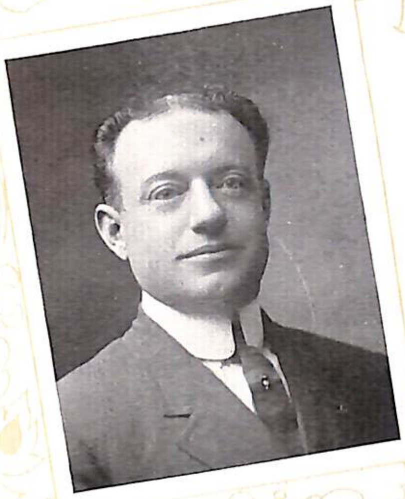

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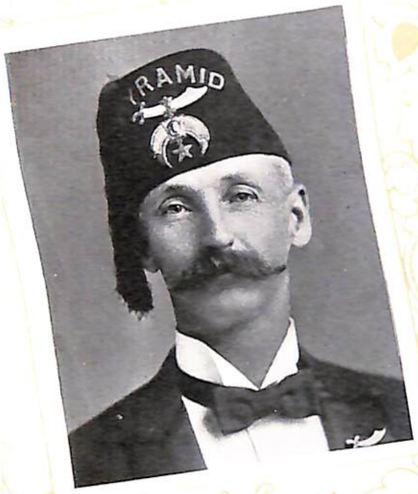

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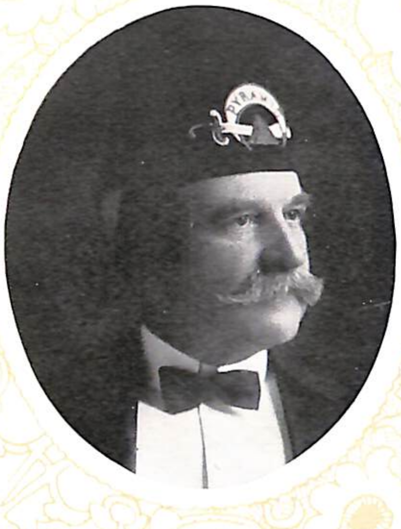

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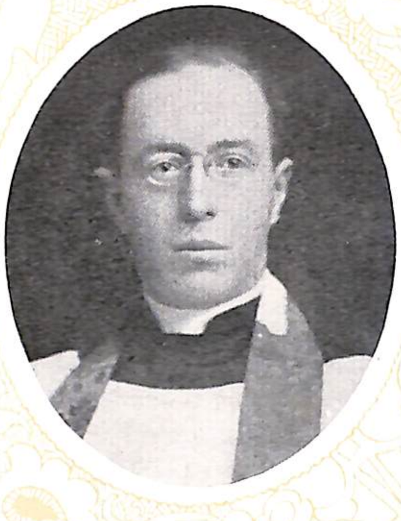

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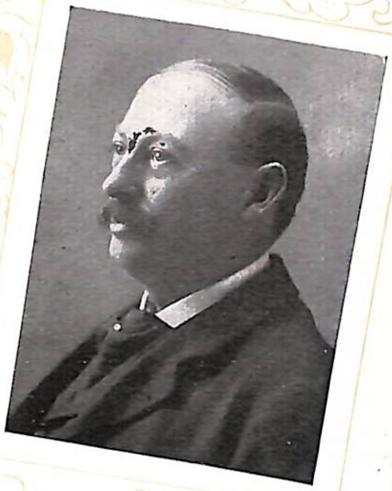

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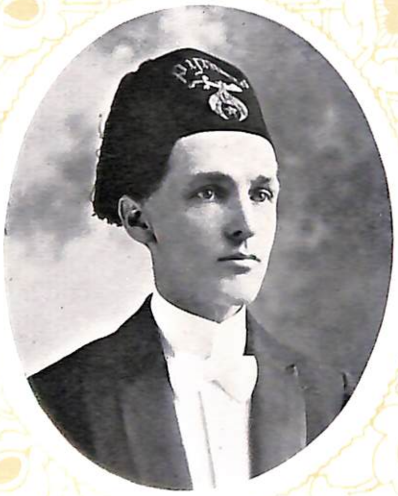

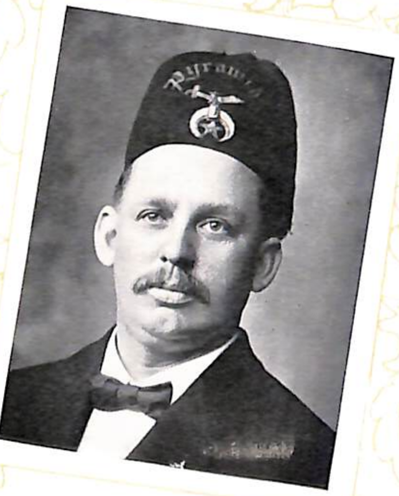

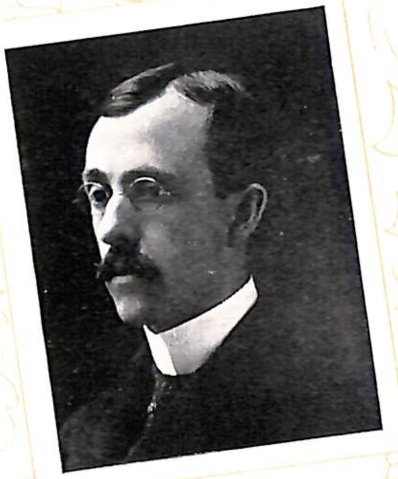

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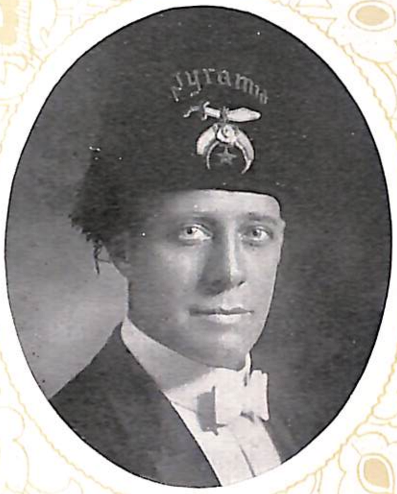

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GEORGE W. AUSTIN

A York Rite Mason with Masonic connections in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 6, 1907, with enrollment 2077. Noble Austin was born in East Greenwich, R. I., July 22, 1859, and received an education in the public schools of Warwick, graduating from its high school and later from Scofield's Commercial College. His parents were Peleg Austin of Greenwich, and Hannah Gorman Austin of Warwick. He was wedded to Fanny Benton of Guilford, in New Haven, on August 7, 1902. His church affiliations are Congregational. Autoing is his favorite diversion, and he is a past member of the Governor's Horse Guard, also of the Meagher Guards of Providence. In 1882 he entered the service of the Providence Telephone Company, continuing in same for eight years until 1890, then entering the employ of the Southern New England Telephone Company, in which he remained for two years, when he accepted the position of superintendent of construction for the New Haven Electric Company. Having filled the latter position for eight years, in 1902 he became the proprietor of the Byers Memorial Hall Restaurant, College and Grove Streets, New Haven. He is also president of the Royal Lunch Company, and his residence is located at 55 West Prospect Street, New Haven.

CHAUNCEY M. CLARKE

Commercial traveler for nearly four decades, from September 2, 1873, was elevated to the rank of nobility in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 26, 1894, his enrollment therein being 1014. His previously-attained Masonic affiliations are with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Clark was born in Hartford, Conn., January 9, 1851, the son of Morgan H. and Mary Jane Williams Clarke, the former having been of Higganum, and the latter of Middletown. He was educated in the public schools of New Haven, and was married to Lillian H. Barnes of New Haven, in that city, on December 9, 1888. They are attendants at the Grand Avenue Congregational Church of New Haven. Riding and driving are his favorite diversions. His business address is 64 East Pearl Street, New Haven.

REV. JOSEPH RUSSELL PECKHAM, S. T. D.

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 27, 1905, attained his Masonic degrees in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M., in December, 1902; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., in March, 1904; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., in October, 1905, all in Meriden; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., also in October, 1905; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, in February, 1906; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem, in February, 1906; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, in February, 1906, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°, on March 26, 1906. He is rector of Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church of Wilmington, Del. Noble Peckham was born in Hartford, Conn., December 15, 1874, and was there educated, later graduating from Temple University, Philadelphia, Penn., and Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn. His address is Wilmington, Del.

ARTHUR FRANK LINCOLN

An affiliate of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, was therein created a noble, on April 29, 1898, with membership No. 1271. His York Rite Masonic degrees were received in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., his Scottish Rite degrees having been conferred by E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and is a Republican. Since 1897 he has given his attention to the property left him at his father's decease. Prior to that, from 1880, he was an electrician in the employ of the Southern New England Telephone Company. Noble Lincoln was born in Fiskdale, Mass., on February 27, 1852, attending the public schools there, and also in Holyoke, Mass. His parents were Benjamin Frank and Sarah A. Hooker Lincoln. He is also a widower, his wife having been Etta Maria Philbrick. They had one son, William Frank, last heard from in New Zealand, fifteen years ago. He resides at 11 Washington Avenue, Holyoke, Mass.

THOMAS A. HART, D. D. S.

Of Danbury, has been engaged in the practice of dental surgery for the past fifteen years. He was born in Caledonia, Ont., December 6, 1867, receiving an education in Toronto, and later taking a course in the Trinity Medical College. His father, George Hart, lives in Caledonia. He was married April 23, 1902, to Edith C. Cobles of Waterbury, daughter of Cornelius and Martha Corner Cobles. They have one child, Frances Elizabeth, born July 23, 1907. They attend the Congregational Church. Hunting, fishing, and autoing are his favorite pastimes, and in reading he prefers the historical and scientific. His dental offices are in the United Bank Building in Danbury, and his home, at 74 Deer Hill Avenue.

He was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, on December 18, 1906, and therein enrolled 2037, having previously made connections with the following Masonic bodies: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also an Odd Fellow, holding membership in Progressive Lodge No. 18, Danbury.

THOMAS H. WOOLLEY

A noble of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was initiated into its mysteries on June 6, 1907, with enrollment 2060. He was first brought to Masonic light in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; received his capitular degrees in Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; was admitted to the ninth arch in Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and knighted in St. Elmo Commandry No. 9, K. T. He is also affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men in Montowese Lodge No. 6. From 1888 he has been associated in the furniture business with his father, W. T. Woolley. His mother, Ellen Winters Woolley, is of English birth, as is his father. On coming to America, they made their home in Union City, Conn., where Noble Woolley was born, May 30, 1873. He was married in Waterbury, to Cora Baylies, daughter of George and Kate Burden Baylies of Meriden. Their children are: Ruth B., Marvin George, Alice E., and Cora Faith. His business address is 289 Center Street, Meriden, and his residence, 130 Cottage Street, same city.

OLIVER E. BECKLEY

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple No. 8, of the Mystic Shrine, on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1551. His Masonic affiliations are with Hiram Lodge No 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council, No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, where he received his thirty-second degree. He is a past grand in City Lodge No. 36, and a member of Sassacus Encampment No. 1, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in New Haven. Noble Beckley was born in New Haven, Conn., October 7, 1875, and there attained an education, graduating from the high school in 1895. He then took a special course in Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His parents are Elihu A. and Elizabeth J. (Bartlett) Beckley, the former of Orange, and the latter of Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Noble Beckley was married in Columbus, O., on September 24, 1908, to Ruth L. Bristol of Ansonia. He is a Congregationalist, and his favorite pastimes are pool, bowling and swimming. Since 1910 he has been clerk for the Southern New England Telephone Company, twelve years prior to that having been in the lumber business in New Haven. His residence is 259 Canner Street, New Haven.

HERMAN A. DELIUS

King of Lockwood R. A. Chapter No. 48, and past master of Compass Lodge No. 9, in Wallingford, was knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, whereupon he prayed for admittance to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, which was granted him on December 18, 1906, his enrollment being 2014. Brooklyn, N. Y., was his birthplace, and the date, April 13, 1869. His father is Herman A. Delius, a German by birth, and his mother was Anna Magee Delius of Scottish nativity. He was married November 16, 1898, to Miss Lina Childs of Wallingford. For eighteen years he was foreman in the testing department of the New York Insulated Wire Company's Wallingford factory. He now conducts a plumbing business at No. 282 Centre Street, Wallingford, and resides at 665 Centre Street. After leaving school he served an apprenticeship of four years in the plumbing trade, and for years as a journeyman in the city of Brooklyn.

EDWARD W. CARPENTER

A 32° Mason of New Haven, is a past master in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; member of Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; of Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and of New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also captain of the guard in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, and allied with the remaining A. A. S. R. bodies in New Haven and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar Club, and of the Heptasophs, a past archon. Noble Carpenter was born in New Haven, Conn., November 24, 1882, and was educated in the public schools of that city. His father is William H. Carpenter, formerly of New York City, while his mother was Charlotte Rooksby Carpenter, native of Cheltenham, Eng. On June 3, 1909, he was married in New Haven, to Fanny B. Atkins of that city. Religiously, his preference is the Baptist denomination, although reared in the Episcopal faith. Fishing and baseball are his favorite modes of recreation, and he delights in reading good fiction. From 1902 to 1910, inclusive, he was in the coal business with Benedict & Company, and in 1911, accepted from the National Metal Trades Association the position of secretary in their New Haven branch, at 312-317 Malley Building. He resides at 403 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven.

CHRISTIAN F. FOX

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, through the medium of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., with Pyramid Shrine membership 1630, was born in Germany, December 14, 1861, the son of Frederick Fox, also a German. He received his schooling in his fatherland. On Deceber 24, 1885, he was married to Emma R. Dason, daughter of Andrew Dason of Worcester, Mass. Their two children are: Andrew F. and Emma S. His favorite pastimes are hunting and autoing, and he is an adherent of the Episcopal faith. He was city councilman for the term of 1908-12, and is serving his city, as representative, having been so elected in 1911. Noble Fox is Republican in politics. He conducted a delicatessen business for twenty-five years, but retired from same in 1907. His business address is 26 1-2 East Main Street, Meriden, and his home, 90 West Main Street, Meriden.

BENJAMIN H. CARTER

A Meriden dentist, was created a Shriner in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, with membership number 2166. He is a past worshipful master in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; received his cryptic degrees in Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and was knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., where he is generalissimo. He is also affiliated with the I. O. O. F., in Pacific Lodge, being a past noble grand in that order. He is, likewise, a member of Meriden Lodge No. 25, in the Brotherhood of Protective Order of Elks, and of the Home and Colonial Clubs of Meriden. Noble Carter was born in Montville, Me., in 1877, and was educated in Massachusetts. He is the son of John P. Carter of Montville, and Ann Etta Williams Carter of Freedom, Me. His church interest is with the Universalists. Dr. Carter was married in Norwich, June 3, 1904, and resides at 92 East Main Street, Meriden, also conducting the business of his dental profession at that address.

H. FRANK BEARDSLEY

Past master in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., was exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23; joined Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, through which he was admitted to membership in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 23, 1908, with enrollment 2220. His political faith is in the principles of the Republican Party. He was president of the Board of Councilmen in 1904, and entered the employ of Mallory & Sons, of Danbury, six years ago, as superintendent in their making department, which position he now fills, the hat industry having claimed his attention for nearly a quarter of a century. Noble Beardsley was born in Pauling, N. Y., October 2, 1861, and received an education in the public schools of Danbury. His father was John H. Beardsley, native of New Fairfield, and his mother, of same nativity, is Melinda Osborne Beardsley. On January 14, 1886, his marriage to Hattie R. Rockwell, daughter of R. T. and A. Nichols Rockwell of Danbury, took place in Millplain, Conn. They are attendants at the First Congregational Church in Danbury, and reside at 91 North Street, Danbury.

JOHN HOWARD ALCORN

Became a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on November 28, 1910, with enrollment 2327. His Masonic connections are with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., in which he is triangle guard. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Since 1901 he has been a commercial traveler for the Walter M. Lowney Company of Boston, Mass. Noble Alcorn was born at Spring Hill, Nova Scotia, Can., and attended the public schools there, also the Mt. Allison University, from which he graduated in 1898. He resides at 260 Crown Street, New Haven.

EUGENE ASHLEY HALL

One of the best-known Masons of Connecticut, has been a noble of Pyramid Temple since November 26, 1894, with enrollment 1032. He has received high honors in all the Masonic bodies with which he is affiliated, being a past master and present treasurer of Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest of Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; past thrice illustrious master of Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and past commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the several Scottish Rite bodies; has served as district deputy of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and in 1910 was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut. Noble Hall was born August 7, 1865, in Meriden, a direct descendant of John Hall, Boston, 1633. He is married to Edna Adele Mix, and their union has been blessed with three children: Fanny, Edna and Eugene Mix. Entering the employ of the Meriden Savings Bank in 1883, he remained there until after the death of his father in 1901, when he resigned as teller, to devote his whole time to the business established by his father. He is president and treasurer of The Hall's Market Company, a trustee and director of the Meriden Savings Bank, and is otherwise identified with Meriden's civic and industrial progress. He was town treasurer for eight years, is vice-president of the Board of Trade, and has been connected with similar institutions.

BURTON NOBLE BLATCHLEY

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 18, 1905, with membership 2000, was Masonically qualified in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has also taken all of the Scottish Rite degrees, up to and including the thirty-second from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport, and is a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, also ex-president of the New Haven Young Men's Republican Club. Noble Blatchley was born in Madison, Conn., March 30, 1868, the son of Noble and Etta (Crane) Blatchley, both of Madison. His mother passed away, December 19, 1901. He received an education in the public schools of Madison and New Haven, and the Yale Business College. His favorite outdoor sports are baseball and fishing. For the past seven years he has been a member of the New Haven Grays, and is also sergeant in Company F of the Connecticut Second Infantry. Since 1902 his business has been that of a mason and contractor, nine years prior to that, having been connected with the Consolidated Railroad Company. His political position is that of clerk in the Bureau of Compensation; his office address, Room 514, 902 Chapel Street, New Haven, and his home, also in New Haven, at 88 Howe Avenue.

FRANK S. PLATT

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on May 25, 1891, and therein enrolled as No. 649. His Masonic affiliations are with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. In politics a Republican, he served as councilman from 1882 to 1887, and coordinately as alderman. He is an aide on the governor's staff, a member of the Governor's Horse Guard, and served five years in the State Militia. Noble Platt was born in the "City of Elms," December 12, 1849. His parents were Joseph R. and Marietta Smith Platt, the former a native of Milford, and the latter of West Haven. He was married to Fannie C. Hotchkiss of New Haven, in that city, June 15, 1876. They are attendants at the Congregational Church. He is president and treasurer of The Frank S. Platt Company, dealers in seeds, agricultural and horticultural supplies at 845 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, since its organization in 1877 and incorporation in 1901. His residence is at 1455 Chapel Street, same city.

JOHN ADAMS

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, on December 10, 1901, with enrollment 1469, having previously made Masonic connections with Hiram Lodge No. 1, R. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, P. of J.; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is a member of the Knights Templar, the Union League, and the New Haven Yacht Clubs, all of New Haven. Noble Adams is engaged in the life insurance business, having been connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company since November, 1881, and as superintendent of their New Haven branch since January, 1893. His business address is 39 Church Street, and his residence, 544 Whitney Avenue, both in New Haven.

ABRAM HEATON

Holds the record for long service, having entered the employ of the Singer Manufacturing Company in 1857. Ten years later he was appointed chief engineer, and has continuously filled that position ever since. All of his working life has thus far been spent with the one firm with the exception of the years '55 and '56, with the Naugatuck Railroad Company, and the years 52, '53 and '54, with the Seth Thomas Clock Company.

Noble Heaton was born in Plymouth, Conn., January 9, 1834, and received an education in the public schools of Plymouth and the Watertown Academy.

In political matters he preserves his independence, and in 1902 served on the Board of Apportionment. His wife was Sarah Francis Burritt of Newtown. Their residence is at 1320 East Main Street, Bridgeport. He is fond of outdoor sports, and in reading is chiefly interested in works of a scientific nature.

His Masonic connections are with the following bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13, where he is serving as high priest; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. In 1879-80 he was m. p. g. m. of Grand Council. Through the medium of his commandery he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on October 23, 1882, his enrollment number being 28. He has no fraternal affiliations other than the Masonic and those of the A. A. O. N. M. S.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SCOTT GREENE

Master mariner since 1888, holding an unlimited master's and pilot's license in any part of the world, has for the past twelve years been captain of the steam yacht, Akela, owned by H. A. Bishop. He was formerly captain of the sail yacht, Harbinger; steam yacht, Volante; of the Cloolia; of the yacht, Alata, and steam yacht, Apache, all of Boston.

Noble Greene was born in Deer Isle, Me., October 11, 1873, and received a common school education in his native place. His late father, John W. Greene, of Deer Island, passed away in October, 1895. His mother is Lydia Torrey Greene of same nativity. Noble Greene's wife was Cora L. Haskell of Deer Isle.

He joined in succession the following Masonic bodies: Marine Lodge No. 122, A. F. & A. M.; Pine Tree Royal Arch Chapter No. 59; King Hiram Council No. 6, Royal & Select Masters, in Rockland, Me., and De-Va-Lois Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, in Vinal Haven, Me.; and since April 27, 1905, he has been one of the nobles in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment number being 1928. He is also a member of the American Association of Masters and Pilots, and of the Yacht Masters' and Engineers' Association.

Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, and his club membership includes the Jibboom, New London, and New London Gun Clubs. His residence is in Deer Isle, Me., and his business address, Yacht Akela, New London, Conn.

FRANK E. PHIPPENEY

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine, on May 18, 1893, with enrollment 892, bears Masonic allegiance to Trinity Lodge No. 43, A. F. & A. M., at Deep River, in which he is past master; Cyrus Chapter No. 45, R. A. M., of Torrington, in which he has officiated as high priest; Buell Council No. 20, R. & S. M., in Litchfield; Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., in Waterbury; Doric Lodge of Perfection; Ionic Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix, all of Waterbury; also Lafayette Consistory, 32°, of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Torrington Club and of the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport. Noble Phippeney was born in Torringon, Conn., March 6, 1856, and his home is in Torrington, at 414 Prospect Street.

JOHN KEOGH

Attained entrance to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 25, 1904, with membership No. 1756, having previously gained the necessary Masonic qualifications in the following bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Butler Chapter No. 38, R. A. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. He is also a past grand in Butler Lodge No. 97 of the Odd Fellows; an Elk, in Lodge No. 907, and his club memberships are in the South Norwalk and Norwalk Country Clubs.

The Democratic party claims him as an ally, and in 1906 he was elected to the post of City Corporation Counsel, which office he continues to hold. He graduated from Yale University Law School in 1907, then engaging in the general practice of law, and is now in partnership with Nehemiah Candee, under firm name of Keogh & Candee.

Noble Keogh was born in New Haven, Conn., December 15, 1871. His father, Daniel Keogh, and his mother, Frances McMakin Keogh, were both of Irish origin. On April 20, 1908, his marriage to Nana V. Pearson of Bridgeport, daughter of Thomas J. and Caroline Disbrow Pearson, was celebrated in that city. They have one son, John, Jr., born February 25, 1910.

Noble Keogh has traveled extensively, both in this country and in Europe, and resides in South Norwalk, his business address being United Bank Building, 97 Washington Street, same city.

ALBERT MILLS WOOSTER

Crowned a 33° Mason in 1905, was received and ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on September 23, 1889, with membership 407, and holds Masonic degrees conferred by Corinthian Lodge No 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., his Scottish Rite degrees having been conferred by the Bridgeport bodies, including his thirty-second degree in Lafayette Consistory. He is a member of the University Club and of the Bridgeport Yacht Club; is a Republican, and has served his city as alderman, having also been on the Board of Education. He is engaged in the practice of patent law, and as a solicitor, having been admitted to the bar in Washington, D. C., in 1876. Noble Wooster was born in Chatham, N. Y., April 15, 1850. His parents were William Cogswell and Mary Louisa Gilbert Wooster, both of Huntington, Conn. Fannie Brownley Bowen of Warren County, Va., became his wife on April 15, 1875, the ceremony uniting their lives having been soleminzed in Washington, D. C. They have two children: Julian Scott and Myra Estelle, and their religious affiliations are Congregational. His law office is at 1094 Main Street, and his residence, 778 Park Street, Bridgeport.

CHARLES E. PARK, M. D.

A 32° Mason of New Haven, and No. 685 in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, became a noble in that illustrious body on May 25, 1891. His York Rite Masonic degrees were received from Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Park was born in New Haven, Conn., October 24, 1857, having been the son of Edwin A. and Hester A. Allen Park, both Congregationalists, the former of Preston, and the latter of New Haven. Noble Park is also a Congregationalist. He was married in White Hall, Mich., in August, 1889, to Grace P. Carpenter of that place. They have one child, Theo M. Scientific and historical reading are of chief interest to him. He has been engaged in general practice as a physician since 1881, and has both office and residence at 42 Elm Street, New Haven.

FREDERICK OEFINGER

Newsdealer in Stamford, Conn., since 1894, became a noble in Pyramid Temple on December 14, 1904, his enrollment being 1820. He is a 32° Mason, being affiliated with the York Rite bodies in Stamford, and the Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows in Stamford.

He was a United States mail carrier during the Harrison administration in 1890, and spent twenty years previous to that in gardening, and three years in the United States artillery service.

Noble Oefinger is of German birth and parentage. He was married, August 25, 1872, to Miss Mattie Smith of New York. Their four children are: Fred, Hugh, Hawley, and Elizabeth Harriet.

His religious affiliations are Lutheran, as were those of his parents. He both resides and conducts his business at 227 Atlantic Street, Stamford.

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ELMER J. FAIRCHILD

No. 409, in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was admitted to its nobility, on September 23, 1889, his Masonic connections being with St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., of which he is past high priest, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., where he has served as eminent commander. He is, likewise, a member of Dover Lodge No. 782, of the B. P. O. E., and is a Republican. Noble Fairchild was born in Wilton, Conn., October 9, 1863, receiving an education in the district schools of Weston, from which he graduated in 1880. His father was Philander Fairchild of Norwalk, and his mother, Mary E. Meeker Fairchild, native of Weston. He was married in East Norwalk, January 15, 1891, to Annie F. Youngs of that place, daughter of Franklyn and Mary J. Hyatt Youngs of Westport. They are Congregationalists. Noble Fairchild is a believer in the principles of Republicanism. In reading he chiefly enjoys historical and mechanical literature. Since January 1, 1906, he has been foundry foreman for the Richardson and Boynton Company of Dover, N. J., having been continuously connected with that company in other capacities from 1895, and prior to that was in the iron molding business for himself. His residence is 7 Baker Street, Dover, N. J.

LEONARD BLONDEL

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, Ancient Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December 2, 1902, his enrollment in that body being 1597. His preparatory Masonic affiliations were made with Union Lodge No. 5, in Stamford, in which he was entered, passed and raised in 1889; he was advanced and exalted in Rittenhouse R. A. Chapter No. 11, in Stamford, in 1893, and in 1901, was granted knighthood in Clinton Commandery No. 3, in Norwalk, becoming a member of Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport, in 1903. Noble Blondel was born in Monmouth, Me., in 1850. For twenty-three years he conducted a coal and wood business in Stamford, at head of canal, from which he retired in 1911. His residence is at 54 Hope Street, Stamford.

THEODORE R. BLAKESLEE

For the past nineteen years vice president of the Bradley-Smith Company, manufacturing confectioners of New Haven, was born in New Haven, Conn., June 12, 1868, receiving an education in the public schools of his native city, and in the Yale Business College. His parents, both Methodists, are Charles W. and Martha Blair Blakeslee, his father being a native of Russell, Mass., and his mother, of New York. Noble Blakeslee's marriage to Addie M. Hawley of New Haven, was celebrated in the "City of Elms," on October 3, 1889. They have four children: Vera M., Gladys M., Dwight W., and Frank H. He is a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church of New Haven, and has been superintendent of its Sunday School for the past nine years. He is also a member of the society's committee, and is on its music committee. His home Masonic lodge, in which he was entered, passed and raised, is Wooster, No. 79, A. F. & A. M., and his chapter in which he received the capitular degrees, Franklin No. 2, R. A. M. He received the cryptic degrees in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and was dubbed and created a knight in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Through the medium of the latter, on November 23, 1908, he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shine, his enrollment in that body being 2228. He is also a member of Union League Club, of the New Haven School Board, of the Chamber of Commerce, and politically, is a Republican. Automobiling is his favorite form of recreation. His business address is 102-116 Hill Street, New Haven, and he resides at 84 Norton Street, New Haven.

ELMER E. SPENCER

Assistant postmaster in Meriden, was ennobled in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, the number of his enrollment being 1628. His qualifying Masonic degrees were received from Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.: Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. Noble Spencer was born in Westbrook, Conn., November 22, 1861. His parents were Isaac N. and Henrietta (Paot) Spencer, both having been natives of Westbrook. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports, and when at leisure current literature forms the major portion of his reading. His political affiliations are with the Republican Party. He has served continuously in the Meriden Post Office at 87 Colony Street, since 1884; for six years as chief clerk, and since July, 1890, in his present position. He also resides in Meriden, at 75 Wilcox Avenue.

WATSON E. RICE, M. D.

An 18° Mason, of Stamford, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on December 9, 1897, with membership No. 1259, having been previously affiliated as a Mason and knighted in Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templar. His Scottish Rite degrees were also received in Worcester. He has been engaged in the general practice of his profession for about thirty-nine years, since 1872, and prior to that, from 1866, was a teacher in Massachusetts, and in West Virginia. His political attachments are in the Republican Party, and in 1899 and 1903 he represented his district in the State Legislature.

Noble Rice was born in Shrewsbury, Mass., December 15, 1847, receiving an education in the Michigan University, from which he graduated in 1872. His father was Gardner Rice, A. M., of Wayland, Mass., and his mother was Sarah Morse Rice of Leominster, Mass. He was married in West Brookfield, Mass., June 23, 1875, to Miss Emma F. Pierce of that town. Their three children are: Winthrop Merton, Philip Bernard, and Rowland Grenville. He is a Congregationalist, and a member of the Stamford Yacht and University of Michigan Clubs. His home is in Stamford, at 192 Summer Street.

GEORGE E. HODSON

Became a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1601. His Masonic connections are with Harmony Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar and Union League Clubs, both of New Haven, and is affiliated with Harmony Lodge No. 5 of the Odd Fellows in New Haven. For forty years Noble Hodson has been connected with the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, having filled all of its executive offices. In 1911 he succeeded to that of president, retaining the office of treasurer. Noble Hodson is a native of Litchfield, Conn., and was born June 16, 1853. He, however, attained an education in public and private schools of New Haven. His father was James Hodson, native of Birmingham, Eng., and his mother, Rosette Smith, was a native of Roxbury, Conn. His marriage to Kate Seward of New Haven occurred in that city on October 19, 1875. They have one child, a daughter, Mae Ethridge. They are adherents of the Congregational faith. Noble Hodson enjoys all outdoor sports, golf especially. His residence is at 100 Bristol Street, New Haven, and his place of business on Winchester Avenue, also in New Haven.

FREDERICK ANSON MOULTHROP

A 32° Mason of Torrington, admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on January 30, 1896, holds York Rite Masonic membership in Seneca Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., Cyrus Chapter No. 45, R. A. M., both of Torrington, and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T. His A. A. S. R. bodies are: Doric Lodge of Perfection, Ionic Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix, all of Waterbury, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Moulthrop was born in New Haven, Conn., April 14, 1854, the son of Anson Todd Moulthrop, and the late Eliza Conant Moulthrop. His marriage to Julia L. Vibbert was solemnized in Torrington, February 22, 1881, and his residence is at 89 Migeon Avenue.

CHARLES E. ROUNDS

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 3, 1891, with enrollment No. 513, his York Rite degrees from Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He received the A. A. S. R. degrees from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, 32°, of Bridgeport. He has also attained the 33°, A. A. S. R., having been so crowned by the Supreme Council, N. M. J., in Boston, Mass., on September 21, 1909. Noble Rounds was born in New Haven, Conn., January 20, 1853, and there attended the Hopkins Grammar School and prepared for college. Entering Yale University, he pursued a classical course, also taking a post-graduate course in Union College, where he specialized in engineering. He was the son of Marcus M. and Sarah Corey Rounds. On January 16, 1885, he was married in Providence, to Helen Smith of that city. They have two children: Anna Boynton and Helen Elizabeth. He is secretary and assistant treasurer of the Foskett & Bishop Company, whose location is on River Street and Blatchley Avenue, New Haven. He also resides in New Haven, at 175 Sherman Avenue.

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15. EDWARD M. OLDHAM
16. JULES L. MIGNERY

NORMAN SPERRY

Was admitted to the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on May 24, 1894, and there stands enrolled as No. 1002. He is a past senior deacon in Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M., past scribe in Evening Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M.; a member of Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Politically a Democrat, he has twice served his party as representative to the House, in 1882 and 1883, and was first selectman in 1885, and third selectman in 1886. Noble Sperry was born in West Cheshire, Conn., on February 11, 1842, and received an education in that place, having attended the Cheshire Episcopal Academy. His parents were Albert and Phoebe A. Tuttle Sperry. He was married in Seymour, in September, 1869, to Louise B. Riggs of that town, who passed away March 9, 1897. He is a manufacturer of augers and auger-bits, and for twenty years, from 1875, was a partner in the Humphreyville Manufacturing Company, of 117 Main Street, Seymour, becoming proprietor in 1895. He holds membership in the Union League and New Haven Clubs, and resides at 37 West Church Street, Seymour.

JESSE W. LONG

Past master of Shepherd Lodge No. 78, A. F. & A. M., and present secretary of the lodge; past high priest of Allerton Chapter No. 39, R. A. M., of Naugatuck, and a knight in Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., of Waterbury, was made a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1905, his enrollment therein being 1927. He also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, Nattatuc Tribe, and to the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 9948. His club memberships include the Abagadasset Club of Waterbury, of which he is a charter member, the Naugatuck Golf Club, and the Naugatuck Rod and Gun Club.

His business connections are with the Naugatuck Daily News, as secretary; and as director and accountant for the United States Rubber Company, since 1892.

Noble Long was born in Albany, N. Y., February 28, 1874, receiving his education in district schools and the Albany Business College. His parents are John Calvin and Permelia Green Long, both native New Yorkers. On November 20, 1900, he was married to Charlotte T. Burr of Bridgeport. They are attendants at the Congregational Church. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, and he has made many trips into the woods for big game during the last fifteen years. His business address is that of the United States Rubber Company, in Naugatuck, and his home is at 14 George Street, same city.

JAMES HENRY RUNDLE

Of 32 Van Zendt Street, East Norwalk, has been engaged in the baking business since 1894, having previously spent six years as a hatter, and eight years in farming. He was born in Greenwich, Conn., February 25, 1862. His father was James B., native of Greenwich, and his mother is Abigail Wood Rundle of Peekskill, N. Y. November 19, 1885, he was married to Carrie Lockwood, daughter of George A. and Mary A. Brush Lockwood of Greenwich. They have one son, Harold B.

Noble Rundle is a Congregationalist, as were also his parents. Hunting, fishing, autoing and baseball are his favorite pastimes. His fraternal affiliations are Masonic and those of the Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, A A. O. N. M. S., having entered the latter through the medium of Clinton Commandery No 3, Knights Templar, on November 23, 1908; his membership card bearing No. 2230. He first saw Masonic light in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., and was exalted in Butler Royal Arch Chapter, No. 38. He also belongs to the Red Men.

HENRY W. MANSFIELD

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on May 5, 1903, his membership being No. 1620, is affiliated with the Masonic Order in Union Lodge No. 40, A, F. & A. M., which he served as past master; is a past high priest in Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; received the cryptic rites in Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.

He is a hatter, his special work being that of a finisher. Noble Mansfield was born in Williamsburg, N. Y., September 24, 1853, receiving an education in the public schools of Danbury. His parents were Thomas and Sarah Whitney Mansfield, his father having been of Irish birth, and his mother, a native of Hoboken, N. J. On November 17, 1875, his marriage to Miss Julia Gould of Danbury was celebrated in that town. They have one son, Ivan C., born July 9, 1877, and their residence is at 20 Morris Street, Danbury.

HOWARD GEORGE MARSHALL

Entered the ranks of the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on May 13, 1908, in which he was enrolled as 1157, his Masonic allegiance having been pledged to and degrees received from Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Marshall is a native of Patchogue, Long Island, N. Y., and was born October 29, 1884, receiving a high school education in the State of Connecticut. His father was George Marshall, and his mother is Sarah Fields Marshall. He was married to Elizabeth J. Ellis of New Haven, on June 21, 1911. From 1904 until the time of entering his present business, he was connected with the Dorman Lithograph Company of New Haven, and since 1909 he has been senior member of the lithographing firm of Marshall, Smith & Co., their location being 72 Olive Street, New Haven. He also resides in New Haven, at 63 Howard Street.

GEORGE REINECKE

Noble 1474, in Pyramid, was admitted to that illustrious body of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December 10, 1909, having previously received his templar orders in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the following Masonic bodies: Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13, and of St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., into which he made his entrance to Masonry.

For nineteen years he conducted a meat business, from which he retired in 1896.

Noble Reinecke was born in Germany, January 6, 1850. His parents, also of German birth, were John and May Steil Reinecke. He was twice married, in 1877 to Emmeline Shafer, and in 1904 to Mrs. Mary Keost. He had four children: William, May, Eva and Hattie. Noble and Mrs. Reinecke are of the Reformed Christian faith, as were also his parents. In politics, he is an Independent. His favorite sport is driving, and in reading he prefers history. He resides in Southport.

EDWARD MORTON OLDHAM

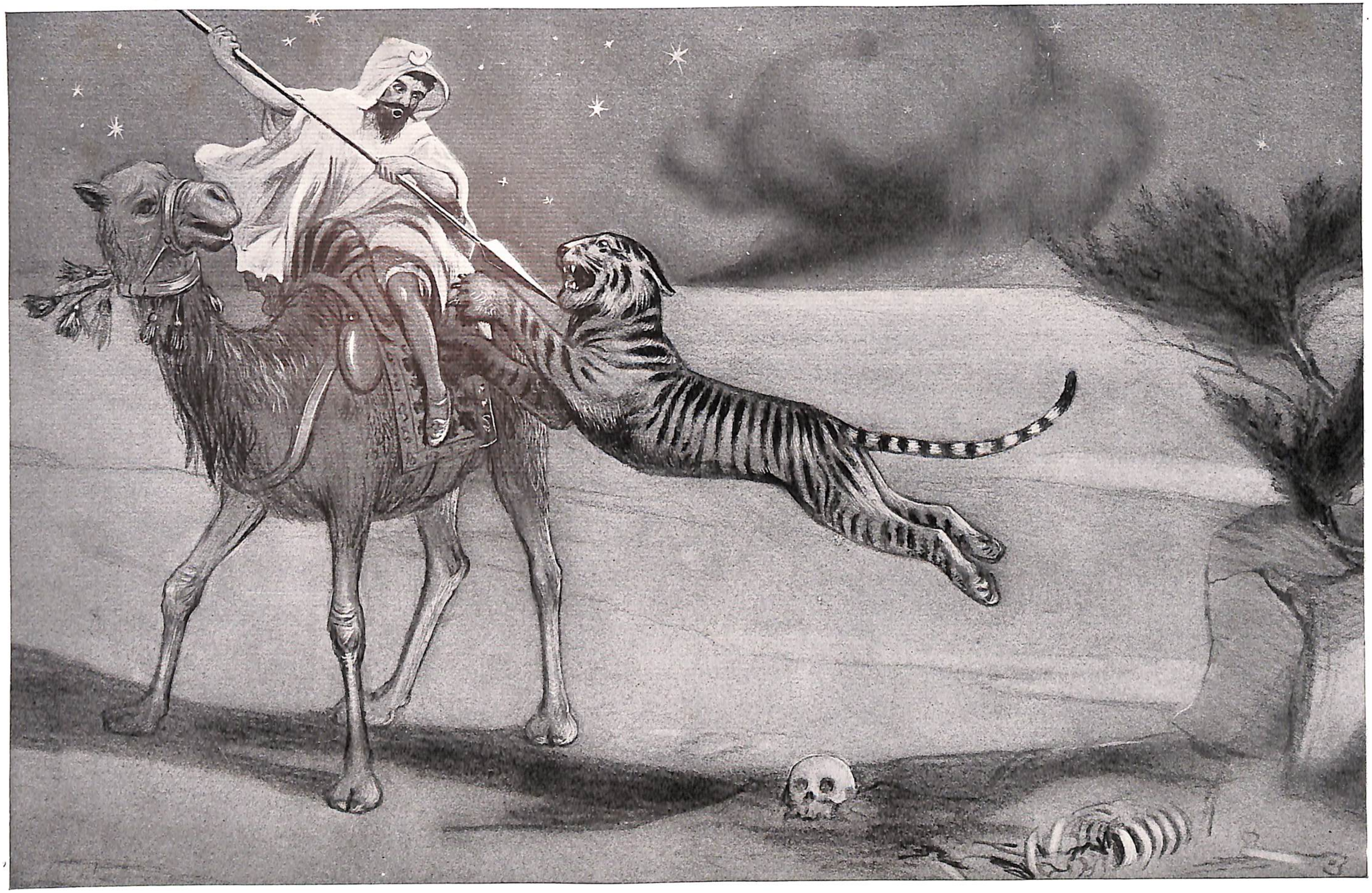
A 32° Mason, bearing allegiance to King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, P. of J.; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, was subsequently received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 18, 1896, and enrolled 1992. Of English birth and parentage, Noble Oldham first saw the light of day on July 12, 1850, in Handsworth, Staffordshire, his parents having been John and Emma Hall Oldham. He received a private school education in London, Eng., and on February 17, 1892, he was married to Mrs. James B. Bassett of Derby. Noble Oldham was brought up an Episcopalian, and adheres to that faith. His favorite sports are fishing and golfing, and he is a member of the Highland Golf and New Haven Country Clubs. For ten years he was engaged in the bedstead manufacturing industry in Birmingham, Eng., later establishing in the United States the first plant to employ the present method of metallic work, and from 1892 he has been secretary and treasurer of the Whitcomb Metallic Bedstead Company, located at 9 Wharf Street, Shelton, his residence being in Derby, at 100 Atwater Avenue.

JULES L. MIGNEREY

Buyer for the firm of McLean Bros., for the past ten years, and connected with that firm the past quarter century, was born in Etobon, France, August 13, 1872. His father was Jaques Mignerey, and his mother is Elizabeth Perrett Mignerey, both also of French origin. Noble Mignerey received an education in the public schools of Danbury, and was brought up in the Congregational faith, to which he adheres. His marriage to Eleanor Jane Breneman, daughter of John L. and Mary Huber Breneman, was celebrated in Lancaster, Penn., July 24, 1906.

He holds membership in the following Masonic bodies in Danbury: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.; and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. Subsequently, on April 25, 1903, he was accepted as a member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and enrolled 1740. He is also attached to Progressive Lodge No. 18, of the Odd Fellows, in Danbury.

His business address is: Care McLean Bros., 221 Main Street, Danbury, and he resides at 13 Downs Street, Danbury.



The Way Disputed

"Shall the message of the Potentate be delivered? It must! With the help of Allah will I conquer this fierce denizen of the desert." Fearful struggle on the lonely desert. The messenger slays the tiger. "Thanks to Allah, the King of kings, I have won the battle." "Now to deliver the message to my faithful brethren." "I will bind my wounds and then, away again." "But see! Another danger! The fearful sand storm of the desert is approaching." "My trust is in Allah, I cannot fail! I will deliver the message of Al Sultani, come what may!"

WILLIAM C. CONVERSE

Received in Pyramid Temple, No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 8, 1911, was therein enrolled 2358. His York Rite degrees were conferred by Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His A. A. S. R. degrees came from the New Haven bodies, and he was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar, and Young Men's Republican Clubs of New Haven, and of City Lodge No. 36 of the I. O. O. F. Noble Converse is a native of the "City of Elms," and was born on November 16, 1870, and there educated, graduating from the high school in 1889. His parents were Charles C. and Alice C. (De Wolfe) Converse, both of whom have passed away, the latter on November 1, 1911. Autoing is his favorite recreation. His former business was that of builder and contractor, but for the past fourteen years he has been proprietor of the business of Vermont Maple Sugar and Syrup Company at No. 10 Wooster Street, New Haven. He also resides in New Haven, at 33 Country Street.

JOHN S. RUFF

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 8, 1911, was therein enrolled 2347. His Masonic connections are with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is a member of the Knights Templar Club, also of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers. He graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University in 1905, and since then has been located in Waterbury, as assistant division engineer on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. Noble Ruff was born in New Haven, Conn., October 16, 1883, receiving an education in public and private schools of New Haven, graduating from the Hopkins Preparatory School. His parents are John R. and Elizabeth C. (Sutter) Ruff, the former of New Britain, and the latter of New Haven. He resides with his parents at 783 Whitney Avenue, New Haven.

FREDERICK ARTHUR RUGG

Of Seymour, was born in Hamden, Conn., September 10, 1854. His parents were Harvey and Jane M. Terrell Rugg, both natives of Southington. He received his schooling in Ossining, N. Y., and graduated from its high school. On October 25, 1876, his marriage to Louise E. James, daughter of Thomas and Minerva Rowe James of Seymour, was celebrated in that town. They have one daughter, Mrs. Lillian M. Smith. Noble Rugg has been a resident of Seymour since 1870, when he accepted the post of bookkeeper with F. L. Ames, remaining in that position during its ownership by the Douglass Manufacturing Company, and after the purchase of the works by James Swan. In 1879 he entered the employ of The New Haven Copper Company, and in 1895 was elected treasurer of that company. He is also treasurer of the Rugg and Faber Company, Inc., and a trustee of the Seymour Trust Company, being one of its executive board. As a Mason, he is identified with Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M.; Evening Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., also with the several New Haven Scottish Rite bodies and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. He is, likewise, attached to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, which order was exemplified on him with due form and ceremony on December 28, 1893, his enrollment therein being 955. He is also affiliated with the Knights Templar and Union League Clubs in New Haven, and has other fraternal associations in Mechanics Lodge of the Odd Fellows, in which he is a past grand, and Nonnawauk Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is, too, a member of the Veterans' Association of the Seymour Fire Department. Noble Rugg is a member of the Episcopal denomination, and for several years was a vestryman of his home church. In political matters, he is associated with the Republican Party, and in 1892 was elected a member of the Board of Education, and treasurer of the school funds, which offices he has since continuously filled.

ARTHUR COLLINS SMITH

Noble 1514 in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, to which he was admitted April 29, 1902, through the medium of his Masonic connections, was made a Mason in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M., in Meriden, on April 30, 1901. Thus entered, passed and raised, he was advanced and exalted in Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27, February 9, 1901; was received and greeted in Hamilton Council No. 22, of Royal and Select Masters, on April 9, 1901, and knighthood was granted him in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., on June 5, 1901. Beyond Masonry and the Shrine, he has no other fraternal affiliations.

He is foreman in the mold-making department of The International Silver Company's Factory E, and has filled that position the past ten years. Noble Smith was born in Meriden, Conn., October 7, 1873, the son of Nicholas C. Smith, native of Albany, N. Y., and Sina Pomeroy Smith of Meriden, Conn., who passed away October 13, 1910. He received an education in the public schools of his native city, and his favorite reading is historical. He was brought up a Universalist; is fond of boating, and is a member of the Home Club, also of the Middletown Yacht Club.

He resides at 150 Liberty Street, Meriden.

EDWIN S. PICKETT

32° Mason of New Haven, was received in Pyramid Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on December 14, 1904, with enrollment 1795. His York Rite degrees came from Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and the degrees of the Scottish Rite from the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also enrolled with the Knights Templar and Young Men's Republican Clubs, both of New Haven; with the I. O. O. F., in Quinnipiac Lodge of New Haven, being financial secretary thereof; Golden Rule Encampment No. 24; American Lodge No. 52 of the Knights of Pythias, in New Haven; Ansantawae Tribe No. 34, of the Improved Order of Red Men; the Improved Order of Heptasophs; Workingmen's Benefit Association; the Modern Woodmen of America, and 2d Company, Governor's Foot Guard. Noble Pickett was born in New Haven, Conn., on May 13, 1876. His father was Rufus S. Pickett and his mother is Sarah E. Read Pickett, resident of New Haven. He has been twice married; his first wife, Fannie A. Taylor Pickett, passed away March 10, 1905, leaving two children, Marion D. and Fannie M. His present wife was Miss Lelia A. Surridge of New Haven. Their marriage took place in that city, on June 13, 1907, and they also have two children, Lyndell S. and Janyce R. S. Noble Pickett graduated from the Hopkins Grammar School of New Haven, in 1895, and from Yale University in the academic course, in the class of 1899. He began the practice of general law in 1901, following his graduation from the Yale Law School. He has also been assistant clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, since 1904. He attends Plymouth Congregational Church, and was reared as a Congregationalist. He enjoys all outdoor sports, and is fond of good fiction. His business address is 82 Church Street, New Haven, and he resides at 800 George Street, same city.

William C. Converse

John S. Ruff.

Fred. A. Rugg.

A. C. Smith

Edwin S. Pickett

ELMER E. SOMERS

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 18, 1906, with enrollment 2007. His Masonic qualifications were attained in Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is a well-known clubman, holding membership in the Knights Templar, Union League, Bridgeport, Brooklawn Country, Congregational, Brooklyn, Dyker Meadow, and Crescent Athletic Clubs; also the Cottage Club and National Biographical Society. Noble Somers was born in New York City, August 30, 1861, and there received an education, in New Haven, where he graduated from General Russell's Military Academy. His parents were Enoch H. and Elizabeth Durand Somers. Miss Helen A. Gage was united with him in marriage, in New York City, August 30, 1886. They have one daughter, Mabel V., are attendants at the Congregational Church, and he chiefly enjoys athletic sports, billiards, and yachting, while in reading the historical and scientific. Noble Somers retired from active business life in 1901, having been eighteen years prior to that a member of the firm of Somers Brothers, manufacturers of tin plates and decorative metal goods. He resides at 295 Elm Street, West Haven.

W. JUDSON DELAP

Of Stamford, one of the Hartwell Delap Company of Stamford, and for the past fifteen years its treasurer and manager, was born in Lebanon, Conn., August 7, 1873, the son of Nathan Delap, native of Nova Scotia, and Catherine Hull Delap, of Newport, R. I. He was married in Utica, N. Y., in February, 1900, to Anna Harvey of that place. They have one daughter, Genevieve K. Of pastimes, he is most fond of hunting and autoing, and holds membership in the Suburban Club. Noble Delap entered Masonry in Eastern Star Lodge No. 44, A. F. & A. M.; received his capitular degrees in Trinity Royal Arch Chapter No. 9; his cryptic degrees in Olive Branch Council No. 10, Royal and Select Masters, and was knighted in St. John's Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar, all in Willimantic. Through the medium of the latter, he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 29, 1902, his membership therein being 1530. He is also a member of Obecwetuck Lodge No. 16, of the Odd Fellows in Willimantic; of Wascussee Encampment No. 14, Stamford; Natchaug Lodge No. 22, of the Knights of Pythias, and Stamford Lodge No. 999, Royal Arcanum. His business address is 406 Main Street, Stamford, and his residence, 264 Summer Street.

HON. CARL FOSTER

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, having Masonic connections with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and with the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport, including Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 15, 1900, with enrollment 1395. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and is at present serving as Great Senior Sagamore of the United States, and he holds membership in the New York Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity; the Seaside Club; Bridgeport Yacht Club; University Club, and Graduates' Club of New Haven. Noble Foster was born in Waterford, Va., on August 28, 1872, and graduated from Dickinson College in 1893, with the degree of A. B., and later took a course in psychology with degree of A. M. His father is Isaac McKendrie Foster, born December 20, 1844, and his mother was Julia Electa Mosher, born April 23, 1844. On June 29, 1897, he was married in Carlisle, Penn., to Delia J. Norcross, daughter of George and Louise Jackson Norcross of that place. Their children are Mary Louise, born July 4, 1898; Julia M., June 22, 1900; Elizabeth N., May 25, 1902; George N., May 12, 1904; Ruth S., December 18, 1905; Sheldon J., December 24, 1908, and Delia S., August 16, 1910. Noble Foster is judge of the City Court of Bridgeport, 1907-13, and trustee of the Connecticut Colony for Epileptics, 1912. He entered the firm of Lockwood and Beers in November, 1894, and since January, 1900, has been junior member of Beers & Foster, counsellors-at-law. He is a lecturer on Connecticut practice, in the New York University Law School. Noble and Mrs. Foster are both of the Presbyterian faith, though he was reared as a Methodist. His favorite pastime is work and resting from work, and he enjoys the reading of Law. His business address is 925 Main Street, Bridgeport, and he also resides in Bridgeport.

WILLIAM HEGEL

Became a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, in the class of November 20, 1911. His Masonic connections are with Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is a member of the Elks, in Lodge No. 25, and is treasurer of Dorscht Lodge No. 2. Noble Hegel was born in New Haven, Conn., on October 23, 1877, and there received a high school education, which was supplemented by a business course in Child's College. His father is John Hegel of German extraction, and his mother was Clara Franz, also of German nativity. He was married in New Haven, to Anna Wesbecher of that city, on September 18, 1905. They are Episcopalians. His favorite pastime is fishing. He is one of the firm of the Hegel Furniture Company, Inc., at 8-12 Church Street, New Haven. He is also an accomplished musician, being first flutist in the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, having worked his way up from that of 3d flutist, having there started his musical career eighteen years ago. His residence is at 1610 Chapel Street, New Haven.

PAUL SANFORD THOMPSON

Entered the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple No. 8, on November 28, 1910, and was therein enrolled as 2335. His York Rite degrees came from Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his A. A. S. R. degrees from E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Masonic and Knights Templar Clubs, and of the David Humphrey Branch of Sons of the American Revolution; of the Founders' and Patriots' Club; Camp No. 17, Sons of Veterans; the Quinnipiack Club; Brooks Club; Chamber of Commerce; New Haven Auto Club; Admiral Foot Navy League of the U. S.; National Geographical Society, and New Haven Yacht Club. He is, too, an honorary member of Company A, No. 27, Connecticut Volunteers; a director in the Young Men's Republican Club; was elected alderman in Ward 1, for term of 1912-14, and is a director of the New Haven Business Men's Association. Noble Thompson was born in New Haven, Conn., September 10, 1882, and was there educated, and also took a business course in the Childs-Butler Business College. His father was Sherwood Stratton Thompson, native of New Haven. He was married in New Haven January 31, 1906, to Marguerite Gilbert Root of that city, and they have two children, Eloise Sanford and Sherwood Stratton. His church preference is Episcopal. Autoing, hunting, and bowling are his favorite sports. His business address is 149 York Street, New Haven, and he resides at 157 York Street, same city.

E. E. Somers

W. Judson DeLap.

Carl Foster

Wm H Hegel.

Paul Sanford Thompson

DAVID SHOVE WALTON

A 32° Mason, received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 9, 1910, became affiliated with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., on July 1, 1909; with Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., on December 7, 1909; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., on January 17, 1910, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., on March 25, 1910. He is also a member of E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and on April 21, 1910, became allied with New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and was made a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret in Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport, on May 11, 1910. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar, Masonic, and Graduates' Clubs of New Haven, also in the Princeton Club of New York, and is an ex-member of Squadron A, of New Haven. Noble Walton was born in Beloit, Wis., July 10, 1872, and received a public and private school education in Orange, graduating with the degree of B. A., from Princeton College, in the class of 1894. His parents are Davis S. and Mary Abby Shove Walton, the former native of Chesterfield, N. H., and the latter of Taunton, Mass. He was married in Holyoke, Mass., June 15, 1904, to Pearl Coburn of that city, daughter of Azro A. Coburn of Holyoke, Mass., and Lucy Courier Coburn, native of Worcester, Mass. They have one child, Lucy. His parents are Presbyterians, and he is an attendant at the Congregational Church. Riding and hunting are his favorite outdoor recreations. Since 1901 he has been treasurer of the National Folding Box and Paper Company, on James and Alton Streets, New Haven, and he resides at 88 Cold Spring Street, New Haven.

RICHARD H. G. CUNNINGHAM

A 32° Mason of Stamford, job printer and publisher, and a life member in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was received into its nobility, November 27, 1905, his enrollment therein being 1923. He had previously attained Masonic membership in Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M.; Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M.; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. He is affiliated with the A. A. S. R. bodies in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory, and is, likewise, an Odd Fellow, in Rippowam Lodge No. 24, in Stamford; a Knight of Pythias, in Excelsior Lodge No. 49, and an Elk, in Lodge No. 899, Stamford. The New York Press Club, the Canadian Club of New York, and the Elks Club of New York all claim his membership. His political views are strongly Republican, and in 1908 he was chairman on the Board of Relief. For the past twelve years he has been conducting his own business, and prior to that, for eight years, was in the same line with Gillespie Brothers, of Stamford. Noble Cunningham was born in Guelph, Ontario, Can., August 29, 1873. His parents are James and Anna Elizabeth Gillespie Cunningham, both natives of Guelph. He was married to Grace M. Mortimer, in Greenwich, Conn., on February 22, 1899. Their four children are Irma M., Fred W., Robert D. M., and Richard Henry. Noble Cunningham is a Presbyterian, and was reared in that faith. Autoing is his favorite pastime, and he resides at 49 Grove Street, his business address being 74 Worth Street, Stamford.

ARTHUR C. WHEELER

Past master and past grand master of St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest of Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24; a member of Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M.; past commander of Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., and grand standard bearer of the grand commandery; member of DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; of Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; of Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and of Lafayette Consistory, 32°, was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1895, his membership in that body being 1094. He is president of the Masonic Association of Norwalk, which meets in its own building; is likewise a member of the I. O. O. F., in Our Brothers Lodge No. 10, in Norwalk, being past grand patriarch of Connecticut. Noble Wheeler was born in Norwalk, Conn., August 26, 1856, receiving an education in the public schools of his native city. His parents were Charles H. and Anna Eliza Canfield Wheeler. He was married in Norwalk, June 23, 1880, to Susie Cousins, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Coppock Cousins. They have two children: Ernest C., born September 30, 1885, and Harold Arthur, born June 10, 1891. He is an Episcopalian, as were his parents. Baseball is his favorite sport. For twelve or fifteen years he has been a member of the School Board; was elected president of the Board of School Visitors in 1910; was mayor of Norwalk, 1895-97; and for forty years has been interested in the manufacture of hats. His present business is that of manager for Vanderhoef & Company. He is also president of the Hour Publishing Company. His business address is 13 Butler Street, Norwalk, and he resides at 6 Arch Street, same city.

MAX ELWYN MILLER

Became affiliated with the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on December 9, 1907, and was therein enrolled as 2161. His York Rite degrees were received in Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His A. A. S. R. degrees were received in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar Club of New Haven; Pilgrims Harbor Council No. 543, of Royal Arcanum in Meriden; the Union League and New Haven Yacht Clubs of New Haven, and Home Club of Meriden. Noble Miller was born in Meriden, Conn., July 22, 1868, and there attended the public schools. His parents are George W. and Lydia Tucker Miller, and he has two daughters; is vice-president and secretary of the Warner Miller Company of New Haven, and resides at 80 Howe Street, New Haven.

LAWRENCE ERNEST REIF

Initiated into the mysteries of the Ancient Arabic Order, Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple No. 8, on May 8, 1911, with enrollment 2345, was Masonically qualified for the exemplification on him of that illustrious order, in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and on January 12, 1912, he took the degrees in the E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, later becoming a member of Elm City Council, P. of J.; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, completing his 32° in Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven; of Germania Lodge No. 78, of the I. O. O. F., and of Ansantawae Lodge No. 34, of the Improved Order of Red Men. Noble Reif was born in New Haven, Conn., April 10, 1869, and was there educated in the public schools. His parents are George Christian and Emma Lutters Reif, the former native of Germany, and the latter of College Point, Long Island, N. Y. He was married in New Haven, on October 14, 1891, to Margaret Gertrude Connolly of that city. His favorite sport is baseball. For eight years he was a trolley car conductor. On April 4, 1899, he was appointed a substitute fireman, and July 2, 1900, he was made a regular man, having been promoted to the post of lieutenant, on Jaunary 4, 1905, and to that of captain, on August 1, 1906. He is still serving as captain of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and of Chemical No. 1, which is known as the "Flying Squadron."

D. J. Watson

Robt. Cunningham

Arthur L. Wheeler

Max E. Miller

Lawrence E. Reif

ANDREW B. WILKINSON

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 14, 1904, and enrolled as 1804, is allied with Freemasonry, in Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, R. A. M., having served as high priest; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Wilkinson was born in New Haven, Conn., August 22, 1860, and attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school. His parents were John Wilkinson and Elizabeth Moffat. He was united in marriage with Ida I. Kettle of West Haven, in his home city, July 20, 1881, and they have two children: Ida E. and Burton A. They are attendants at the Congregational Church. Fishing is his favorite pastime. His political affiliations are Republican, and he has served for several terms as plumbing inspector of West Haven. He is a past chief of the Fire Department of West Haven, and served in that office for one year, and as captain of the Hook and Ladder Company for five years. Noble Wilkinson has been engaged in the plumbing and heating business for the past twenty-one years, and his business is located at 668-670 Washington Street, New Haven. He resides at 606 Washington Street, West Haven.

GEORGE KINGSTON

An Arab of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., having entered its nobility on May 5, 1903, was born in Stafford, Eng., January 17, 1851, and received an education at Forebridge Academy, Stafford, Eng. His parents were George Kingston, of same nativity, and Margaret Cartwright Kingston, of Bishton, Eng. Noble Kingston came to this country in his youth, and was married in Bridgeport, May 14, 1873, to Miss Eliza Jarvis, also of Stafford, daughter of George and Harriet Jarvis. They have three children: Charles C., born in 1875; Ernest J., in 1884, and Harold J., in 1888.

He is treasurer of the Cartwright Shoe Company, having been appointed to that position in 1896. Previous to that time he had been secretary to that company from its organization in 1892.

Noble Kingston is affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and with Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a past chancellor of P. T. Barnum Lodge No. 53, of the Knights of Pythias; a member of the Bridgeport Lodge of Elks; of Magna Charta Lodge No. 163, of the Sons of St. George, which he has served as supreme president; in politics, an Independent, and a member of the Episcopal Church.

His home is located at 120 Hough Avenue, Bridgeport, and his firm, at 982 Main Street, same city. His Shrine number is 1634.

CAPT. CASPER D. WALLACE

First Arab chief in the Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was received into the nobility of that illustrious body, on May 5, 1900, with enrollment 1389. His York Rite Masonic degrees were received from St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in which he was senior warden, and the degrees of the A. A. S. R., including the thirty-second, have been conferred on him by the Bridgeport bodies. Capt. Wallace is also a Grand Army man. He was born in Bennington, Vt., on December 23, 1846, and received his education in New York. His parents, Harvey and Helen R. Scott Wallace, were both natives of Vermont. He was married in Auburn, N. Y., on April 2, 1870, to Annette Lewis of that city. They have two children, Charlotte A. Thorpe and Lewis G. In religious faith he is a Universalist. His favorite branch of literature is history. For sixteen years he was superintendent and manager of the Yost Typewriter Company's factory, and prior to that was three years superintendent in the factory of the American Writing Machine Company, and was two years superintendent for the Connecticut Commuting Machine Company. In 1910 he received the appointment of the vice-president and the general superintendency of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company, in their Connecticut branch, located on Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport. He resides at 48 Milne Street, Bridgeport.

ARTHUR B. TREAT

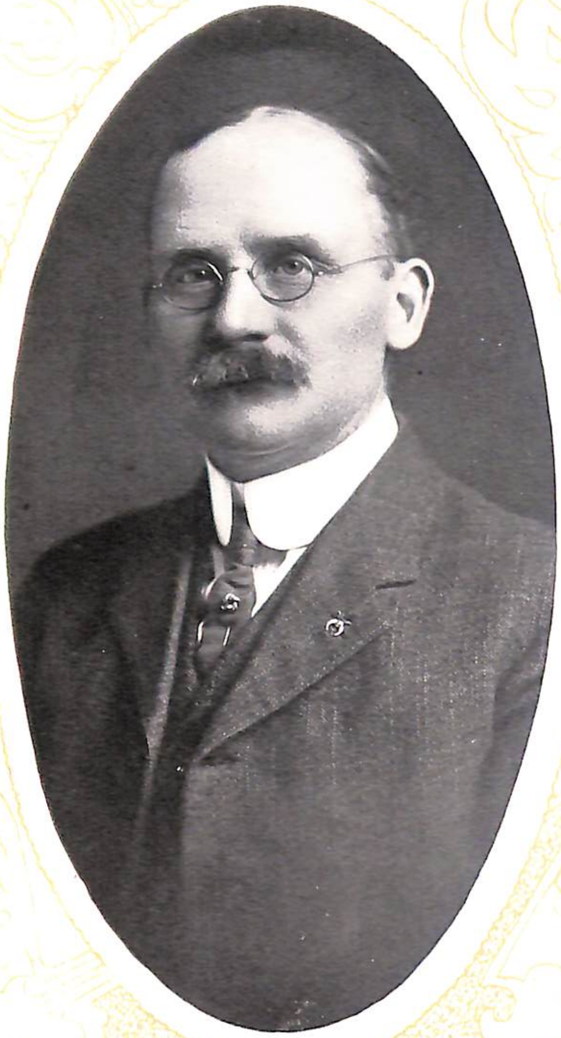
A 32° Mason of New Haven, was duly received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and the order exemplified on him, May 25, 1901, with membership No. 700. He was deemed worthy of that high honor through his Masonic affiliations with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., in which he was warder for two years, senior warden one year, and captain general one year; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. Noble Treat is president and treasurer of the Sperry and Treat Company, building and contracting firm, and has filled that important post for many years. For the past seventeen years, he has also been farming and dairying on his broad ancestral acres—Grassy Hill Farm—of which he is an owner in the eighth generation. The land was originally purchased from the Indians by Gov. Robert Treat, from whom he is lineally descended. Noble Treat was born in Orange, Conn., April 6, 1853, and was educated in the public schools of his native town, and in Oberlin College, in Ohio. His father is Isaac P. Treat, of Orange, and his mother was Mary J. Barnes Treat. He enjoys motoring and farming, and has always had a keen relish for military manoeuvers, and, having been in the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard, he now ranks as captain on the retired list. His business address is 39 Church Street, and he resides at 608 Whitney Avenue, New Haven.

VIRGIL WARREN CHAMPION

Entered Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, on December 2, 1902, his membership card in that body being numbered 1596. He reached Pyramid through the medium of Palestine Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, in which body he received his templar degrees. His cryptic degrees came from Washington Council No. 5, Royal and Select Masters, and he was exalted in Burning Bush Royal Arch Chapter No. 29, having been entered, passed and raised in Union Lodge No. 31, F. & A. M.

His business is that of conductor on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and he has filled that post since 1897. Four years prior to that he was similarly engaged with the New London Street Railway Company. Noble Champion was born in the town of Old Lyme, Conn., January 22, 1874, and received an education in the public schools of his native town. His father was Calvin B. Champion, and his mother is Ann R. Slate Champion of Old Lyme. His marriage to Addie M. Rudd of New London, daughter of Alfred and Adell F. Darling Rudd, took place in that city, on June 29, 1903.

He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and of the Mutual Benefit Association of Passenger Service. His home is in South Norwalk, at 124 Washington Street.



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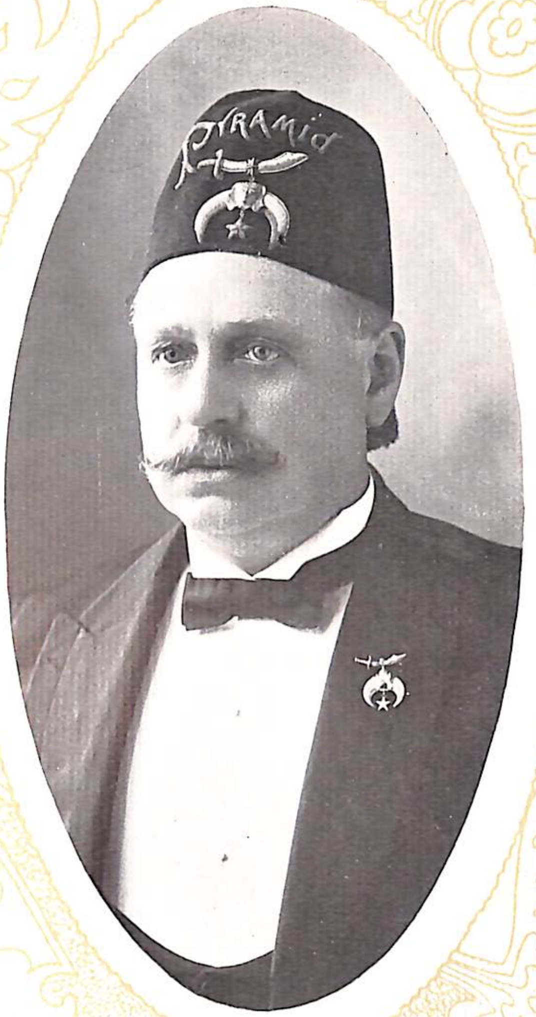

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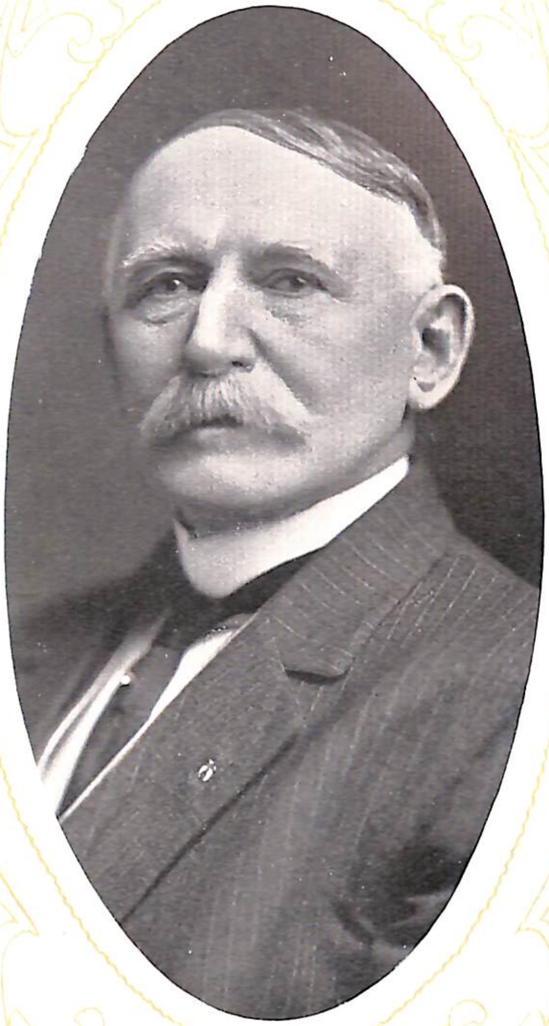

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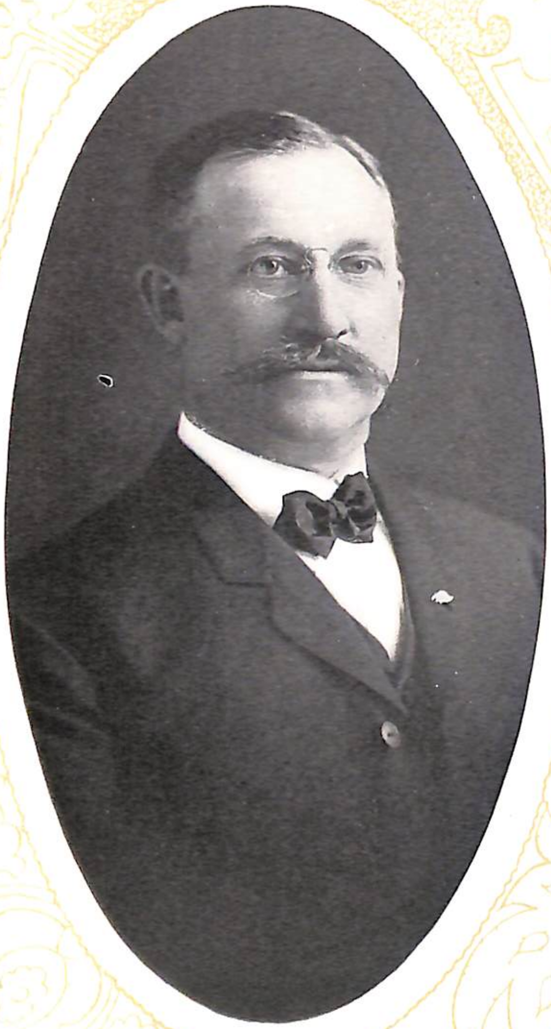

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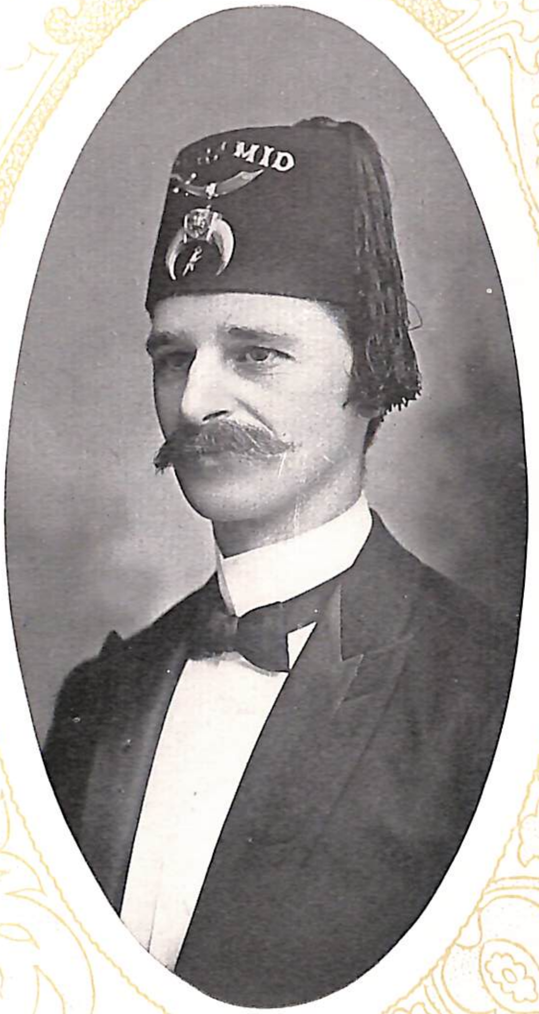


V. W. Champion

GRAHAM FELLOWES THOMPSON

Was inducted into the mysteries of the Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on May 13, 1909, with enrollment 2254. His York Rite affiliations are with Hiram Lodge No 1, A. F. & A. M., Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., also Lafayette Consistory, with Scottish Rite bodies of New Haven. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club, the Quinnipiack Club, and the New Haven Lawn Club, all of New Haven, also of the Yale Club of New York. Noble Thompson was born in New Haven, Conn., March 18, 1884. He attended the Taft School at Watertown, Conn., the Hopkins Grammar School of New Haven, and the Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass. His father was Harry Grant Thompson, and his mother is Henrietta DeLolme Fellowes Thompson. Since 1896 he has been connected in business with the Henry G. Thompson and Son Company of New Haven. His residence is 703 Whitney Avenue, New Haven.

HARRY GRANT THOMPSON

Admitted to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 18, 1906, with enrollment 1995, passed into the Unseen Temple on November 21, 1910. His York Rite degrees were conferred by Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He had also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees, and the thirty-second from Lafayette Consistory. He was enrolled in the New Haven Lawn Club, the Quinnipiack Club, and the New Haven Country Club. Noble Thompson was born in New York City, May 14, 1853. He attended the Phillips Exeter Academy, of Exeter, N. H., and later studied in Heidelburg, Ger. His parents were Henry Graham and Louise Barnard Thompson. He was married to Henriette De Lolme Fellowes of New Haven, in that city, on April 26, 1883. His bereaved family consist of his widow, a son—Noble Graham Fellowes Thompson—and a daughter, Margaret Benisse. He was of the Episcopal faith. His business, from 1879 until the time of his demise, was that of secretary and treasurer of the Henry G. Thompson and Son Company, located at 492 State Street, New Haven. He incorporated the company in 1887. His family residence is at 703 Whitney Avenue, New Haven.

BERNHARD SETZER

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple on June 8, 1904, with enrollment 1779, is a past ceremonial master in Pyramid Temple. His York Rite Masonic degrees were received in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., where he is junior warden; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., which he has served for two years as lieutenant of the guard. He has also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees from the Bridgeport bodies of the A. A. S. R., having been made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory. He is a member of the Algonquin, Brooklawn, Press and Bridgeport Yacht Clubs, and of the Auto Club of Bridgeport, and the New York Athletic Club. His political belief is in the principles of Democracy, and he served on the Board of Apportionment 1904-10. Noble Setzer was born in New York City, November 2, 1866, and there attended both public and private schools. His father was Henry Setzer of German birth, while his mother is Helena Heister Setzer, also German in origin. He was married in New York City, June 24, 1896, to Ella B. Ottmann, of that city, and they have two children, Louis O., and Eleanor Dorothea. Their religious affiliations are Episcopal. He is an ardent sportsman, and when recreating, indulges in autoing, tennis, golf, horseback-riding and fishing. He was twenty years in the meat business in New York and Bridgeport, and has been three years in the automobile trade. In 1911 he became senior partner in the automobile firm of Setzer and Beach, 361 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, and he resides at the Stratfield Hotel, Bridgeport.

ELMER E. SMITH

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1904, and enrolled therein as 1905, entered that illustrious body via Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport, which conferred on him his thirty-second degree. His other Masonic bodies are Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven. He is also a member of the Knights Templar and Young Men's Republican Clubs, both of New Haven, and of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce. Noble Smith is a native of New Haven, and was born on New Year's Day, 1882. He attended the public schools of New Haven, also the Wesleyan Academy of Wilbraham, Mass., in which he took the academic and commercial courses. His father was Elwood H. Smith, and his mother, Ella Bouton Smith. On April 30, 1910, he was married in New Haven, to Minna M. Walker of that city. Autoing and tennis are his favorite pastimes. Since 1904 he has been director, secretary and treasurer of the wholesale oyster corporation of Jeremiah Smith & Sons, with headquarters in New Haven, at 120 South Water Street. He is also a director, secretary and treasurer of the St. James Oyster Company, of St. James, Long Island, N. Y., and president and director in the Smith & Adams incorporated real estate and general insurance business at 839 Chapel Street, New Haven. He resides in the "City of Elms," at 531 Edgewood Avenue.

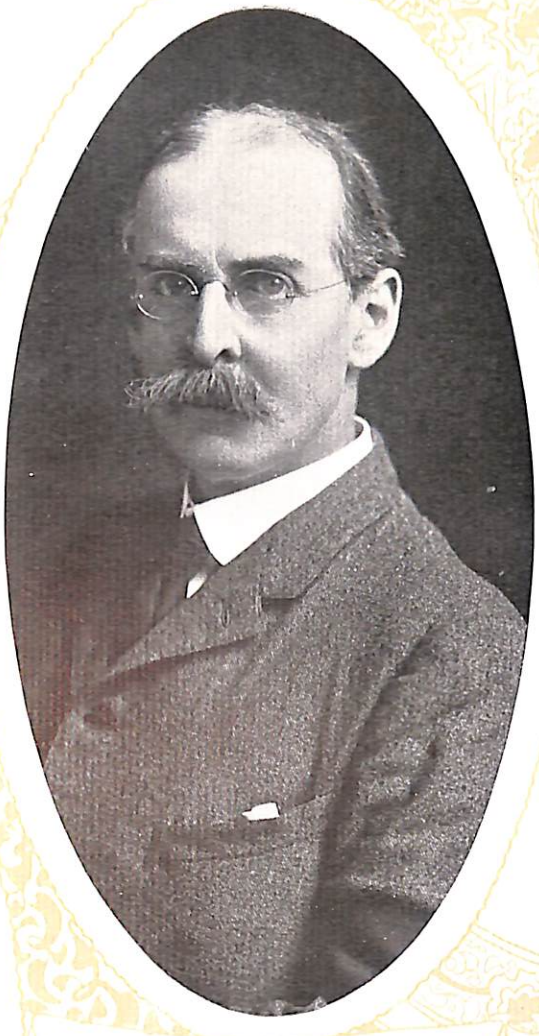
CLARENCE G. MINER

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1585, is a past master of Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; king in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; past thrice illustrious master in Harmony Council, No. 8, R. & S. M.; was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; is junior warden of E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; a member of Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; also of New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and of Lafayette Consistory, from which he received his thirty-second degree. He is, likewise, a member of the Knights Templar, and Masonic Clubs of New Haven. Noble Miner was born in Vernon, Conn., September 3, 1870, and attended the public schools of Rockville, Conn. His father is Noble Harry T. Miner, also of Pyramid Temple, and his mother is Louise Gager Miner. From 1897 he has been superintendent of the Celluloid Starch Company's factory in New Haven, at 108 Winchester Street, and he resides in New Haven, at 46 Garden Street.

HARRY TURNER MINER

Born in Vernon, Conn., on March 13, 1845, received there an education. His parents were Dudley T. and Angeline Davis Miner, the former also a native of Vernon, and the latter of Springfield, Mass. He was married in Hartford, May 5, 1869, to Louise M. Gager of Ellington. Their two children are: Noble Clarence G. and Dr. George H. He is an active exponent of Republican principles, and has served the town of Vernon in many offices for the past twenty years. In 1889 he was a member of the General Assembly. Pyramid Temple, A. A. O N. M. S., admitted him to its ranks as a noble, on June 6, 1907, with enrollment No. 2075, his Masonic affiliations having been previously made with Fayette Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M.; Adoniram Chapter No. 18, R. A. M., and Adoniram Council No. 14, R. & S. M., all of Rockville, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Masonic Club in New Haven, and resides in that city, at 46 Garden Street.

Graham F. Thompson



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WILLIAM H. LATTIN, SR.

Ordained a noble of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 28, 1910, with enrollment 2331, received his York Rite degrees from Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Noble Lattin, Sr., was born in South Norwalk, Conn., May 11, 1854. His parents were Thomas H. and Ann Eliza Crossman Lattin of Huntington, Long Island, N. Y. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school. His marriage to Mattley M. Van Wert of Rye, N. Y., occurred in Bridgeport, September 6, 1876. They have one son, William H., Jr., who is, likewise, a Pyramid Noble. Noble Lattin is a Methodist in religious belief. Fishing is his favorite outdoor pastime, and in reading he prefers history. In 1888 he organized the Lattin Trucking and Storage Company of Bridgeport, eight years prior to that having been manager of the Village Grocery Store in East Bridgeport. He was also in the employ of the F. A. Tolles and the Raymond Brothers Company of South Norwalk, for seventeen years. His business address is 365 Water Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 1364 North Avenue, Bridgeport.

WILLIAM H. LATTIN, JR.

York Rite Mason of Bridgeport, was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on December 28, 1910, having attained his Masonic affiliations in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Noble Lattin, Jr., the subject of this sketch, was born in South Norwalk, Conn., June 18, 1877, receiving an education in the public schools of Bridgeport and the Park Avenue Institute. His parents are William H., Sr., and Mattley M. Van Wert Lattin. He was married in New York City, November 10, 1898, to Annie R. MacFarlane of Bridgeport, and they have three children: Mattley M., Mildred H., and Anna P. They are Congregationalists. He is fond of all outdoor sports, and chiefly of hunting and autoing. His business career throughout, has been in the storage and trucking line, and he is president of the Lattin Storage and Trucking Company, having previously been its secretary and treasurer. The headquarters of his firm are at 365 Water Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 424 Capitol Avenue.

CAREY CONGDON, 33°

Life member of Pyramid Temple, his membership dating from December 9, 1897, and his enrollment in that body 1239. His activity in Masonry has been marked. He is a past master of Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M.; high priest of Union Chapter No. 7, R. A. M.; thrice illustrious master of Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and eminent commander of Palestine Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar. In the Scottish Rite he is a member of King Solomon Lodge of Perfection, of which he is illustrious past master; Van Rensselaer Council, P. of J.; Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix, and Connecticut Consistory. On September 21, 1909, in Boston, Mass., he was crowned a 33° Mason by the A. A. S. R., N. M. J. He was born in New London, Conn., September 24, 1869, and is a graduate of Harvard, 1891. His early education was received in the public schools of New London, graduating from the Buckley High School in 1886, attended Chauncy Hall School of Boston and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, previous to his entering Harvard. He is now, and for many years has been, connected with the New London Water and Sewer Departments. He was married on November 6, 1889, to Lillian T. Washburne of Owensboro, Ky., and they have two children, Thomas B. and Mary Louise, born September 7, 1900, and September 16, 1909, respectively. Noble Congdon is the incorporator of the Masonic Lodge Corporation of New London, and has been business manager of the Temple since its incorporation. He has held many offices in the grand bodies of Connecticut, and has been active in the dramatic work of the Scottish Rite. He served with distinction in the Spanish War, and rose to be first lieutenant and battalion adjutant of the Third Connecticut Infantry. Noble Congdon is actively identified with the civic and social life of New London.

CLARENCE GARRY SMITH

Junior member of the firm of George Smith and Son, druggists, was born in Seymour, Conn., June 21, 1875, the son of George and Julia M. Weller Smith, both of Watertown. He received an education in public and private schools of his home town, and was married October 3, 1900, to Lillian M. Rugg of Seymour. They have one son, Roy Rugg, born July 6, 1903. Noble Smith's Masonic history began February 3, 1897, with his admission to Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master, having held the office of master during its centennial year. He was exalted in Evening Star Royal Arch Chapter No. 47, on November 13, 1901, and admitted to the ninth arch in Union Council No. 6, Royal and Select Masters, on November 30, 1908, and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., on December 26, 1908. Following his reception of the templar orders, he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 13, 1909, his enrollment being 2258. He also holds membership in Knights Templar Club, in New Haven; is, likewise, affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men in Nonnawauk Tribe No. 9, in Seymour, and member of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association. He is a communicant of Trinity Church, Seymour, and has held the position of parish clerk since 1890. His place of business and residence are both in Seymour.

CHARLES H. TAYLOR

Postmaster and station agent at Georgetown, Conn., was born in Wilton, Conn., August 26, 1866. He attended the public schools of Norwalk, graduating from the high school in 1886. His father was Charles Taylor, also born in Wilton, and his mother is Fannie Pardee Taylor, a New Yorker by birth. He was married January 21, 1892, to Edith Hegeman of Norwalk, daughter of William H. and Anna Louise Hegeman. They have one son, Leonard B., born April 14, 1897. His church preference is Episcopal, and he is, politically, a Republican. As a Mason, he is attached to Ark Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. After being knighted in the latter, he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 1, 1893, his Shrine number being 1808. He is also an Odd Fellow in Our Brothers Lodge No. 10, Norwalk. Music is his favorite pastime. His residence is at the Georgetown R. R. Station.

FREDERICK A. LANE

Of South Norwalk, was exalted to the rank of noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, with enrollment 2119, his Masonic affiliations being with the following bodies: Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. He is, likewise, a member of the Royal Arcanum, and of the Improved Order of Red Men, in Uncas Tribe No. 26, South Norwalk. Noble Lane was born in Norwalk, Conn., January 19, 1863, the son of Henry A. and Ellen Brown Lane, both of Connecticut, the former having been native of Monroe, and the latter of Oxford. He attended the public schools of Oxford, and was married in 1886, to Sarah Jane Heath, daughter of Martin and Marguerite Neelan Heath of New Haven. They have three children: Henry M., born May 3, 1889; Marguerite H., May 12, 1890, and Frederick A., September 30, 1897. For more than thirty years, since 1880, he has been a caterer, and has won deserved popularity, being proprietor of branches in South Norwalk, Stamford, and Danbury. His home is in South Norwalk.

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GEORGE M. STADLER

Created a Mystic Shriner in Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, in the class of November 20, 1911, and therein exalted to the rank of a noble, is Masonically connected with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Since 1892 he has been engaged in importing and manufacturing of ostrich feathers, and four and a half years prior to that was representative for the South African Ostrich Feather Growers' Association. Noble Stadler was born in Simonstown, Cape Colony, South Africa, October 16, 1870, and received an education in the Cape Government public schools, afterward taking a two-years' course in chemistry, at Owens College in Manchester, Eng. His parents were Louis and Marie Barchfield Stadler, both of South Africa. He was married in St. Paul, Birmingham, Eng., to Leah Ashford of that place, and they have one child, George Henry. His favorite pastime is hunting, and he also finds enjoyment in historical reading. His business address is 1158 Main Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 104 Centre Street, same city.

HENRY H. SMITH, M. D.

Noble No. 1874, entered Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 9, 1906, his Masonic degrees having been conferred by Harwood Lodge No. 91, A. F. & A. M., Machias, Me., of which he was master for three years, and from which he was dimitted to join Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Washington R. A. Chapter No. 16, Machias, in which he served three years as high priest, thence dimitting to join Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., and from St. John's Council, R. & S. M., in Calais, Me., to Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., in New Haven. Having served as captain general in St. Elmo Commandery No. 18, in Machias, he also dimitted therefrom to New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Smith received all of his A. A. S. R. degrees in Connecticut bodies, with the exception of the Lodge of Perfection, which was conferred by Deering Council of Machias. He is, too, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution; of the New Haven Historical Society; the Union League Club, and the Graduates' and Congregational Clubs, all of New Haven; also of the American Medical Association; the New Haven Medical Society; the Connecticut Medical Society, and the American Academy of Medicine. Dr. Smith was born in Machias, Me., January 9, 1855, and attended public and private schools of his native town graduating both from Bowdoin College and the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. His parents were William Otis and Susan Hoyt Smith. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Longfellow of Machias, on December 24, 1877, and they have two children, Philip S. and Agnes Longfellow. He is a Congregationalist. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, and his home is at 43 Elm Street, New Haven.

ALFRED C. BALDWIN

Began his professional career in Derby, where he is a counsellor-at-law, and has been since 1894. On January, 1911, he was appointed engrossing clerk of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, having been assistant clerk of the House of Representatives in 1901, and clerk in 1903, clerk of the Senate in 1905-07, and in 1909, clerk-of-bills. On November 27, 1905, he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., his membership therein being No. 1895, and he bears Masonic allegiance to the following bodies: King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans, being a past Commander of the Division of Connecticut, and past national counsellor. He is also a member of the Union League Club of New Haven. Noble Baldwin was born in Low Beacon Falls, Conn., December 5, 1872, and attained an education in the public schools in that town and in Seymour, graduating from the high school course in 1892, and from Yale Law School in 1894. His parents are Herbert C. and Josephine H. (Jones) Baldwin, the former being a native of Oxford, Conn., and the latter of Homer, N. Y. He was married in the town of Flushing, L. I., N. Y., on December 10, 1896, to Emma R. Gillette of that place. They have four children: Harriette G., Alfred C., Jr., Ralph V., and Herbert E. Noble Baldwin is a Unitarian. In reading he prefers science, history and politics. He is engaged in the practice of his profession, in Derby, and resides in Shelton.

LOUIS L. VALDEN

First saw Masonic light in Ark Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M., in Georgetown, receiving the other York Rite degrees from the Danbury bodies. He was subsequently admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, through the medium of Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, in Danbury. His membership in Pyramid Temple dates from December 14, 1904, and his enrollment number in that body is 1812. He also belongs to Danbury Lodge No. 120 of the Elks. Noble Valden was born in Ridgefield, Conn., February 17, 1858, and received a public school education in his native town, taking special courses in the Greenwich Academy and Boston University. His father was David H. Valden of Ridgefield, and his mother is Sarah Weed Valden, resident of Ridgefield. He has been married three times, his present wife having formerly been Mrs. Mary E. Stevens of Ridgefield. They were married December 20, 1910. His five children: Pauline, William B., Sarah, Florence M., and David H., are by his first wife, Carrie G. Beers of Ridgefield. His second wife was Estella Burnham of Boston. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and was elected a member of the House of Representatives at Hartford, for the session of 1897. His political preference is Republicanism, and he is a justice of the peace, having held that office since 1891. From 1908 he has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business, and prior to that, for twenty-six years, he was engaged in the coal and lumber business. He also resides in the town of Ridgefield.

HARVEY M. KENT

Initiated in Pyramid Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on June 6, 1907, and therein enrolled 2066, having been Masonically qualified in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M.; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He is a member of the Norwalk Club, and of the Norwalk Country Club, and in politics is a staunch Republican. He was a member of the City Council, 1897-98; from 1908, has served his city on its Board of Apportionment, and is also a member of the old Court of Burgesses, appointed twenty years ago. From 1905, he has been president of the Holmes, Keeler, Selleck and Company, wholesale grocers, of Norwalk. He is president of the Central National Bank of Norwalk, also president of The H. M. Kent Company, wholesale grocers, of Stamford. His residence is at 14 Arch Street, Norwalk.

Geo. M. Stador

Henry H. Smith

Alfred C. Baldwin

Louis. L. Walden

Harvey W. Kent

BELA HARTLEY MANN

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1986, his membership therein 1177, is Masonically affiliated with Day Spring Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the United Workmen of America, the Quinnipiack Club of New Haven, and David Humphrey Branch No. 1, S. A. R. As a Republican, he served his town on the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and as assistant judge for ten years. Noble Mann was born in Meriden, Conn., March 14, 1863, receiving a public and private school education in Hamden and New Haven. His parents are Bela Atwater and Prudence C. Spencer Mann, the former of Naugatuck, and the latter a native of Haddam. He was married on June 11, 1902, in Bridgeport, to Caroline I. Turner of that city. They have two children, Mildred F. and John H., and are Episcopalians. His favorite reading is along historic lines. He has been a member of the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard since 1895, and a member of the staffs of Major Weed and Major Brown, with rank of captain. Since 1881 he has been connected with the New Haven Web Company, at Centerville, Conn., in 1901, becoming superintendent of same. His residence is in Hamden.

HUGH BERKLEY KENNEDY

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1910, with enrollment 2299, bears Masonic allegiance to Wooster Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Kennedy was born in Gilbertville, Mass., October 30, 1882, where he received his elementary education. He has also taken special commercial and scientific courses, and attended various colleges. His parents are James B. and Mary Freeborn Kennedy. The former was born on the broad Atlantic—mid-ocean—and the latter, is of Scotch nativity. He was married in Bridgeport, Conn., on May 30, 1904, to Adelaide Summers Hine of New Haven. His favorite outdoor sport is golf. For the past twelve years he has been connected with the New Haven Register, a daily newspaper, located at 88 Crown Street, New Haven, having been appointed the manager in 1906. His residence is at 279 Sherman Avenue, New Haven.

ANDREW HULL DOOLITTLE

A 32° Mason and one of the charter members of Pyramid Temple, entered the Unseen Temple on April 24, 1905. He officiated as assistant rabban of that illustrious body for six consecutive years from 1887. The departed noble held Masonic connections with St. Johns Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and with all of the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport. He was assistant postmaster under Meeker and Knowlton, having previously been superintendent in the Benjamin Ray Veneer Works. He was a member of the Bridgeport Board of Relief, city councilman in the seventies, and was Democratic in principle. He was born in Cheshire, Conn., July 14, 1834, and attended the public schools and the old Episcopal Academy of Connecticut at Cheshire. His parents were Alfred and Hannah Brown Doolittle. He was married to Mary A. Andrews, native of Bethel. Their first son passed away December 24, 1874, and the remaining two are, Eugene L. and Fred A. Noble Doolittle was very fond of traveling. In religious matters his adherence was to the Episcopal faith. Prior to his demise he had retired from business life. His home was at 2112 North Avenue, Bridgeport.

HERBERT N. JUDD

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, his membership being 1622, has Masonic affiliations with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He is also a member of Samaritan Lodge No. 7, of the I. O. O. F., being a past noble grand. Noble Judd was born in Danbury, Conn., February 17, 1865, receiving an education in the public schools of his native town. He was the son of Hiram B. and Martha E. Butler Judd. He was married on November 27, 1889, to Jennie M. Alexander, daughter of Thomas T. and Helen Wildman Alexander. They have one son, Charles A., born September 21, 1891. Noble Judd is a member of the Danbury Creamery and Milk Sterilizing Company, with headquarters at 17-19 Foster Street. He also resides in Danbury, at 20 Foster Street.

HARRY AUGUSTUS DUPEE

Joined the Masonic order by becoming a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., receiving his capitular and cryptic degrees, and later joining Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He also received the several degrees of the Scottish Rite in Bridgeport, up to and including the 32°, and on November 24, 1890, he was made a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment in that body being 527. Noble Dupee was born in Springfield, Mass., March 28, 1864, and attained an education in the public schools of Bridgeport, later taking a special course in pharmacy. His father is Augustus Wilson Dupee, also native of Springfield, and his mother was Elizabeth Dibble Dupee, she, too, having been native of Springfield. He was married, October 4, 1895, in New York City, to Elizabeth Varlie Fritz of Sandusky, O. They have two children: Elizabeth Varlie, and Harry Augustus, Jr. Noble Dupee was reared as a Congregationalist, and adheres to that faith. Golfing and autoing are his favorite pastimes, and in reading science and history. He is a member of the Algonquin and Brooklawn Country Clubs, both in Bridgeport. Noble Dupee is in the drug business, having entered that line on his own account in 1888. His place of business is 81 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, and his home, 1025 Noble Avenue, same city.

CHARLES M. GOULD

Of Bridgeport, was born in Black Rock, Conn., November 29, 1846, the son of Morris and Fannie Wilson Gould. He was married in Bridgeport, in 1872, to Miss Henrietta Curtis. They have two children: Harry C., and Anna.

His business is that of roofing, slating, and gravelling, and dates from 1900. Prior to that, having been a builder, from 1870.

His Masonic connections are with the following bodies: Corinthian Lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., being a past officer; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Subsequently, on October 26, 1891, he was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., his enrollment therein being 755. He is also a past officer in Arcanum Lodge No. 41, of the Odd Fellows, and a past officer in Stratfield Encampment.

His political affiliations are Republican, and he is a Congregationalist. He is fond of boating and sailing, and reads general literature. His home is at 304 West Street, Bridgeport.

B Hartley Mann

A. H. Doolittle

Hugh B Kennedy

Herbert W. Judd

N. A Dupar

CHARLES L. McNEIL

A 32° Mason of Torrington, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 24, 1890, with enrollment 508, his Masonic affiliations having been previously made with Seneca Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter, No. 45, R. A. M.; Buell Council No. 14, R. & S. M., and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T. The degrees of the Scottish Rite he received from the Waterbury bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Torrington, the Torrington Wheel, the Waterbury Country, and the Greenwoods Golf Clubs, and of the Sons of the American Revolution. Noble McNeil was born in Torrington, Conn., September 22, 1855, and attended the public and private schools of his native town, and Cheshire Military Academy. His parents were Henry L. and Martha J. Odell McNeil. On October 2, 1879, he was married to May L. Vibbert of Torrington, and their daughters, now matrons, are Mrs. Arthur Lawton and Mrs. Frank Klein. Banking, insurance and the water works business have claimed his attention for the past thirty-eight years, from 1873, his place of business being 67 Main Street, Torrington. He resides at 42 Church Street, same town.

CHARLES W. MURDOCK

Received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 17, 1909, with Masonic connections in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is enrolled in the Masonic and Knights Templar Clubs of New Haven. Noble Murdock was born in Brookhaven, N. Y., on Christmas Eve, 1872, and was educated in public schools. His parents were William and Mary Murdock, the former of Moriches, and the latter of Brookhaven, N. Y. He was married in the village of Bellport, N. Y., November 20, 1895, and they have three children, Dayton Newey, Charles Stanley, and Birdella Christine. He began business life in Bellport, N. Y., in 1893. Three years later he removed to New Haven, and engaged in the building business. His office is located at 839 Chapel Street, and he resides at 185 Howard Avenue.

JOHN M. HAWLEY

A past potentate of Pyramid Temple for the two succeeding terms of 1906 and 1907, had the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine exemplified on him in that body, on February 27, 1888, his enrollment therein being 203. He represented Pyramid Temple at the Imperial Council held in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Philadelphia. His Masonic qualifications came through his commandery, and he was first brought to light in Masonry in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; was admitted to the ninth arch in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Illustrious Noble Hawley was born in Bridgeport, Conn., January 21, 1849, and was there educated. His parents were Monson and Jane A. Kirtland Hawley of Bridgeport. His father was twice mayor of Bridgeport, and was president of Bridgeport National Bank. His marriage to Estella Way of Waterbury, was celebrated in that city, January 22, 1884. They have one child, Natalie K. Illustrious Noble Hawley is a Republican, and has served on the Board of Police, and the Charity Board, and was chairman of the Republican Town Committee. He is a member of the Algonquin and Brooklawn Clubs, and is an Episcopalian, being a vestryman in Trinity Church. He enjoys all kinds of outdoor sports, and from 1908 has been in the commission business as representative for P. M. Frank of New York, and the Ajax Fire Engine Company of New York, also the Pioneer Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, on same basis, having formerly been a merchant clothier from 1875. His business address is Security Building, 1115 Main Street. He has recently purchased a picturesque cottage at 505 Wood Avenue, Bridgeport, where his many friends are ever welcome.

HARRY D. MILLER

Of Bridgeport, entered the Mystic Shrine by way of Pyramid Temple, on April 25, 1904, his enrollment number being 1753. He now holds the position of Arab in the order. His Masonic connections embrace membership in the following bodies: Hope Lodge No. 124, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Elks' body in East Orange, N. J., and of the Algonquin and Bridgeport Yacht Clubs, and in political faith, is a Republican.

Noble Miller is president of the Bridgeport Vehicle Company, manufacturers of high grade auto bodies. From 1901 to 1906 he was secretary of the George C. Batchelor Company, manufacturers of Thomson's "Glove-Fitting" Corsets, and prior to that was assistant head in the Law Department of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

Noble Miller was born in New York, September 10, 1857. His parents were Mitchell and Catherine V. G. Strong Miller. He attended the public schools of New York City, later taking a commercial course in Lawrenceville, N. J., from which he graduated in 1874. He was married in New York, September 8, 1880, to Ida F. Diesendorf. They have four children: Ida F., George C., Roland V. G., and Lois C. They attend the Episcopal Church. Autoing is his favorite diversion. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and treasurer general of the General Court. He is also president of the Gamewell Fire Alarm Company, of Connecticut, and vice-president and treasurer of the Renault Taxi Service of New York.

Noble Miller resides at 1075 Iraniston Avenue, and his business is conducted at 1720 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport.

GEORGE R. FAUCETT

Past master in Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., is also Masonically connected with Rittenhouse R. A. Chapter No. 11; Washington Council No. 6, Royal and Select Masters, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. May 13, 1908, Sir Knight Faucett was received into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, and was enrolled in that illustrous body as 2205.

He is proprietor of a harness, trunk, and sporting-goods business, located at 441 Main Street, Stamford. Prior to that, from 1875, he was interested in the carriage business in Stamford.

Of Irish birth and parentage, Noble Faucett came to this country when very young, receiving his schooling in Stamford. His parents were Robert and Catherine Johnston Faucett. He was married in 1896, to Jennie A. Ericsson of Greenwich. They have a daughter and a son: G. Ericsson, and Eliza Honeywell. His religious affiliations are Episcopal, as were those of his parents. He enjoys fishing as a sport and is a member of the Stamford Yacht Club. His home is in Stamford, at 6 Strawberry Hill.

Chas. L. McNeely

Charles W. Murdock

John M. Hawley

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Harry D. Miller

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FRANK M. SCOTT

Entered the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, by way of Pyramid Temple, on May 18, 1893, his enrollment in that illustrious body being No. 887. He was previously qualified through his Masonic connections with the following bodies: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., being a past master; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., past high priest; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., past thrice illustrious master, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., past eminent commander. His other fraternities are as follows: Danbury Progressive Lodge No. 18, of the Odd Fellows; the Royal Arcanum: Lodge No. 120, of the Elks; Wooster Lodge No. 31, of the Maccabees, and No. 3, of the Red Men, all in Danbury. Noble Scott was born in Danbury, Conn., January 31, 1854, his parents having been John and Jessie Wilson Scott, both of Scottish birth. He received an education in the public schools of his native town, and was married in Medina, N. Y., on October 12, 1892, to Bertha P., daughter of Chester and Albyrene Pike Blake of that place. They have one child, Frances Dorothy, born March 5, 1898. Noble Scott is a Congregationalist, and was brought up in that faith. His business address is 299 Main Street, where he is manager for E. Stone and Son, merchants in Danbury, having filled that position for the past six years. He had previously conducted a dry goods business under his own name for five years, having gained his earlier experience of ten years with McLean Brothers, and two years with Quinn & Scott, both firms of Danbury. His home, also in Danbury, is at 16 New Street.

JOHN McLEAN

Affiliated with the Masonic York Rite bodies of Danbury, was on April 9, 1905, elevated to the rank of noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment therein being 1963. Noble McLean, son of Robert and Isabella (Campbell) McLean, was born in Aberfeldy, Scotland, June 29, 1849. He was married to Jessie, daughter of Duncan and Christina McDonald Menzies, in Danbury, October 22, 1885. They have six children: Christine M., Grace I., Elizabeth J., John R., Duncan M., and Ronald A. For ten years he was engaged in building operations. Since 1876 he has been in the dry goods business, and is one of the leading merchants of the town. His residence is at 62 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury.

DAVID McLEAN

A leading dry goods merchant of Danbury, who began his business thirty-nine years ago. He has been the head of the well-known firm of McLean Bros., since 1897. Noble McLean is a hardy, canny Scotchman, born November 23, 1846. He was married in Danbury, September 9, 1874, to Ellen J. Scott, daughter of John and Jessie Wilson Scott, both of Scottish birth. They have five children: Jessie, Grace H., Alexander S., Nellie S., and Charles S.

As a Mason, he is on the roll of Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, all in Danbury. As a Shriner, he was subsequently enrolled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 6, 1887, with membership No. 260.

Fishing is his favorite pastime. The McLean Bros.' department store is located at 221 Main Street, Danbury, and his home, at 78 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury.

CHARLES STUART McLEAN

Son of Noble David McLean, senior member in the firm of McLean Bros. of Danbury, was born in that city on November 26, 1886. He graduated from the Danbury High School in 1903, later taking courses of study in Andover and New York colleges. His marriage to Christine A. Rundle of Danbury was celebrated in that city, on September 19, 1908. Her parents are G. M. and Eliza Bacon Rundle. His fraternal affiliations are solely Masonic and those of the Shrine, being identified with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28 Royal and Select Masters, and through the medium of Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, in which he was knighted, he was allowed to enter the Shrine through Pyramid's portals, to the nobility of which he was admitted on November 23, 1908, the number of his membership being 2223. He is a member of the Danbury Club, and his business is that of salesman in the department store of McLean Bros., 221 Main Street. He resides at 21 Fairview Avenue, Danbury.

ALEXANDER SCOTT McLEAN

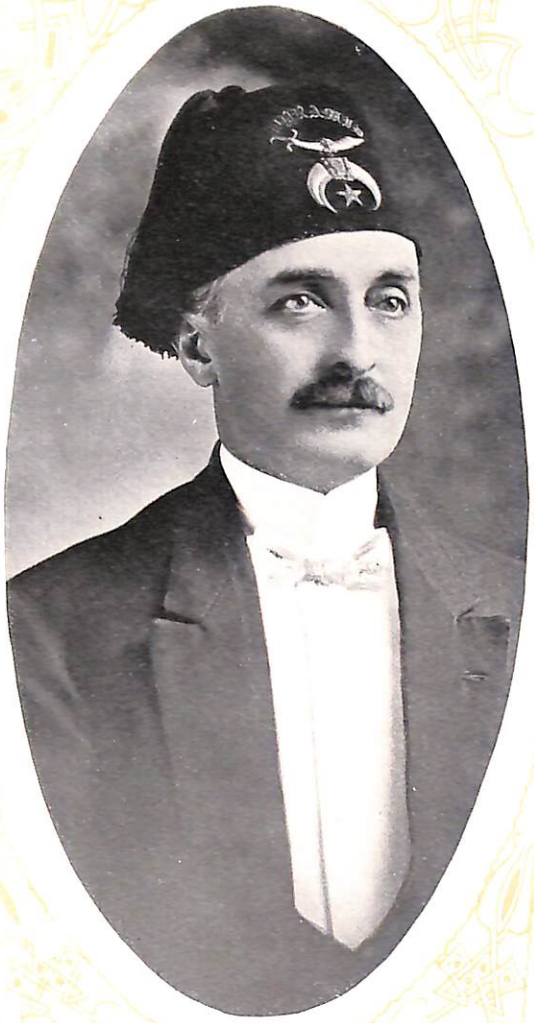
Admitted to Masonry in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; is a member of Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and of Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., through which he was admitted to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, with enrollment 2035. Noble McLean, the subject of this sketch, is the son of Noble David McLean, and was born in Danbury, Conn., February 26, 1883, and received an education in Danbury, and the University at Norwalk, later taking a mechanical engineering course in Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, New Haven. He was married in Brookline, Mass., on June 19, 1908, to Helen Eglees, daughter of Charles H. Eglees of Brookline. Their son, David Bruce, was born March 10, 1910. His religious faith is Congregational, and in politics he is a Republican. He is fond of autoing, and all outdoor sports, and holds membership in the Danbury Club, and in the Beregileus of Sheffield, in Yale University. In 1909 he was elected and served as councilman in Danbury. Noble McLean is proprietor of the Pyramid Auto Car Company, which he organized in 1907. His home is in Danbury, at 70 Garfield Street.

ROBERT HENRY BATTEN

A 32° Mason, and thus eligible for Shrine membership, was, on December 14, 1904, received into that illustrious body, and enrolled as No. 1815. His Masonic connections are with Center Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past senior warden; Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27, being past principal sojourner; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., and with the following Scottish Rite bodies: Doric Lodge of Perfection; Ionic Council, P. of J., which he is now serving as master of ceremonies; Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory.

Since 1902 he has been a foreman for the International Silver Company, having entered the employ of that company in 1893, as a maker of flat ware.

Noble Batten was born in Meriden, Conn., June 6, 1877, and there attained an education. His father is Thomas W. Batten, of English birth, and his mother, also English, was Jane Marsh Batten. Noble Batten was brought up in the Episcopal faith. Baseball and football are his favorite sports, and in reading he prefers classics and standard works. 95 Silver Street, Waterbury, is his business address, and he also resides in Waterbury, at 88 Linden Street.



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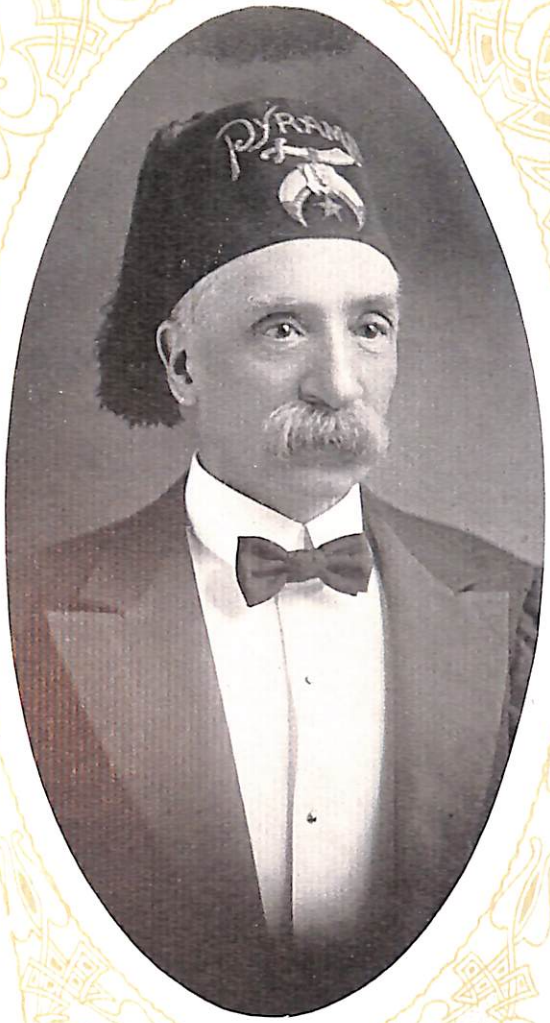

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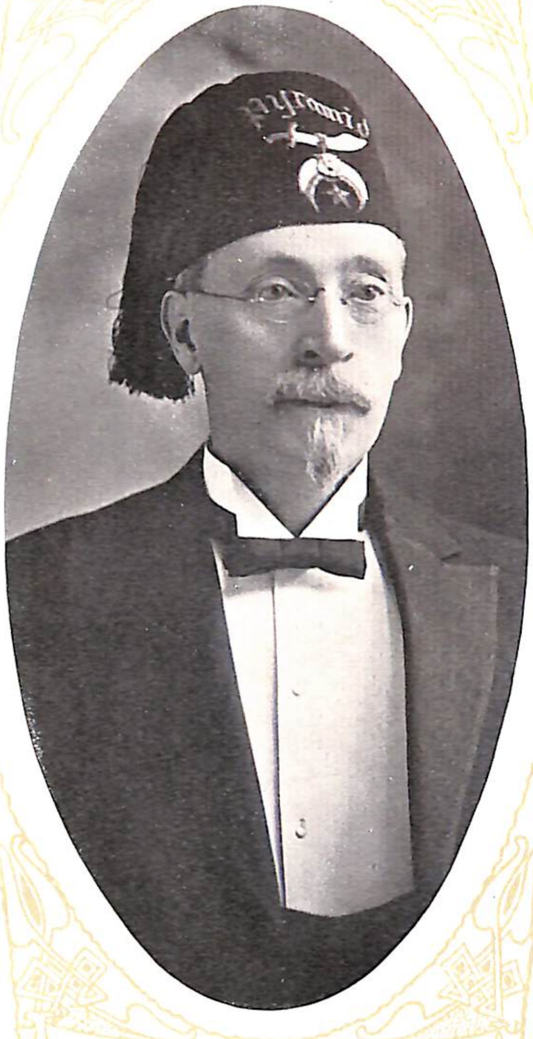

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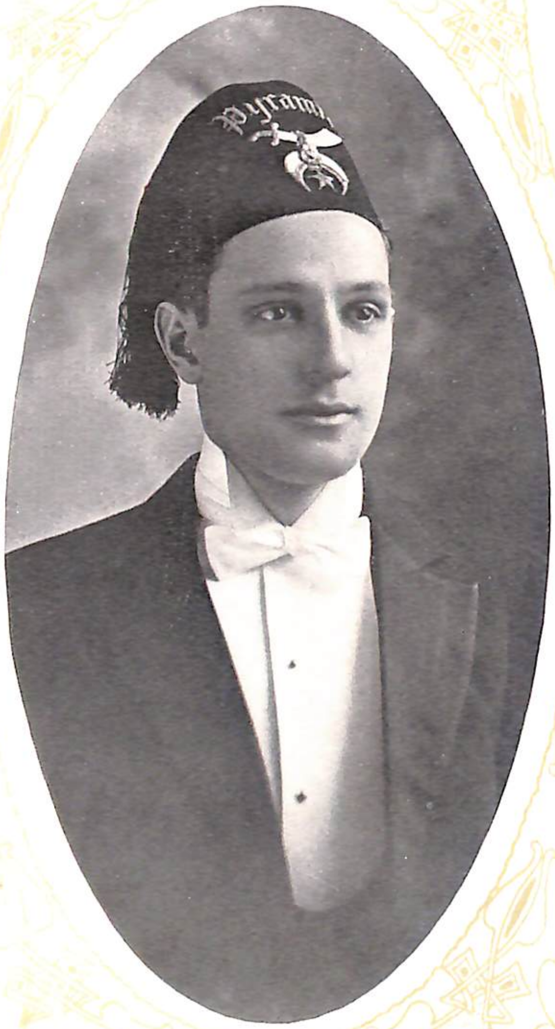

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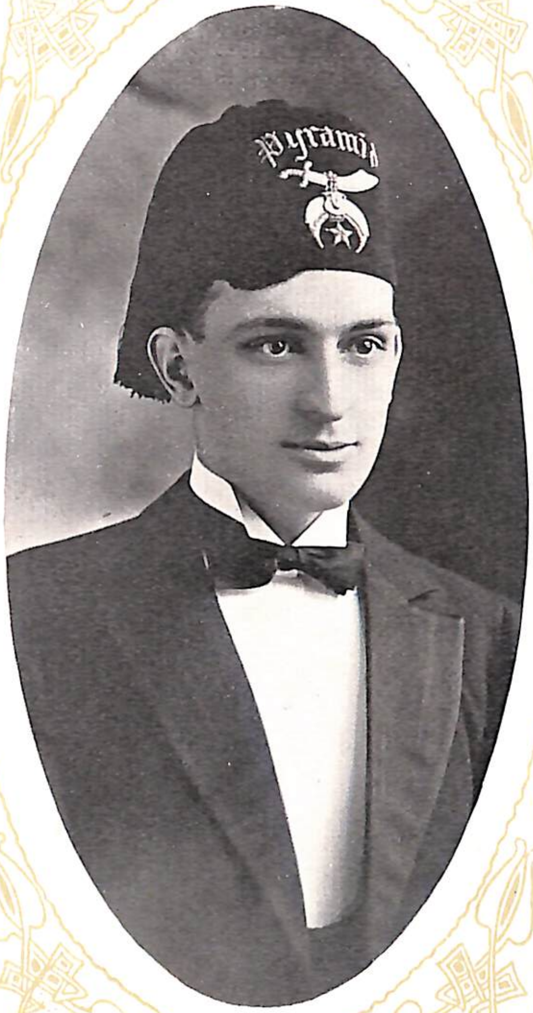

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HERMAN K. BEACH

Arab of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and admitted to its nobility on May 9, 1910, with enrollment No. 2305, holds Masonic connections with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., which he is serving as junior steward; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and with the Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport, having received his thirty-second degree from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. Noble Beach was born in Bridgeport, Conn., September 21, 1882, and was educated in the public and private schools of his native city. His father was Nelson M. Beach, formerly of Derby, and his mother is Jennie Fairchild Beach, a native of Kansas City. He is a member of the Sea Side and Country Clubs, and a Republican. Since 1909 he has been secretary and treasurer of the Bridgeport Metal Manufacturing Company; the two preceding years he was treasurer's agent for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company; and seven years prior to that, was employed by the Bridgeport Brass Company. His home also is in Bridgeport, at 191 Hazelwood Avenue.

EYLER JONATHAN TODD

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was raised to the nobility in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1552. His Masonic affiliations are with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar Club, and in Elks Lodge No. 25, of New Haven. He is the president of the Todd Rubber Company of New Haven, which office he has held since 1906. Previously he was nine years connected with the Springfield Rubber Tire Company of New Haven, and also spent nine years in newspaper work. Noble Todd was born in Springfield, O., May 31, 1876, and there received a public school education, graduating from the high school in 1893, and from Yale Law School in 1899. He is the son of Onslow B. and Ellamanda Batdorf Todd, the former of New London, N. H., and the latter of Fairfield, O. Football and autoing are greatly enjoyed by him, although a lover of all outdoor sports. He is a member of Governor's Foot Guard No. 2. His business address is 442 State Street, New Haven, and his residence, also in New Haven, is 301 Humphrey Street.

EX-GOVERNOR ROLLIN S. WOODRUFF

Welcomed in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 26, 1898, his enrollment being No. 1279, is a 32° Mason, and bears allegiance to Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., where he is serving both as junior and senior deacon; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. The Knights Templar, Hartford, Home, Meriden, Young Men's Republican, New Haven, Quinnipiack, Union League and Graduates' Clubs, all claim his membership. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican platform, and was elected governor of Connecticut in 1907, having been senator in 1903, lieutenant governor in 1905, and commander-in-chief of the National Guard of State of Connecticut, 1907. His ancestry is traced back to Matthew Woodruff, who came from England to America in 1636. Noble Woodruff was born in Rochester, N. Y., the son of the Rev. Jeremiah and Clarisse (Thompson) Woodruff, the former of Litchfield, and the latter, native of East Windsor. His father was a Presbyterian minister, and his parents removing to New Haven when their son was fiften years of age, he there obtained his first position in life. His schooling was had in Rochester, N. Y., and Lansing, Ia. In June, 1908, he received the degree of LL. D. from Wesleyan University. For many years he has been a leading member in the firm of C. S. Mersick and Company, extensive wholesale dealers in iron and steel, with New England headquarters at 284 State Street, New Haven. His marriage to Kaomeo Perkins of New Haven, was celebrated in that city, on January 14, 1882. Their winter home is 120 Dwight Street, New Haven, and their summer residence, "Rollwood," Guilford, Conn.

ARTHUR A. TWICHELL

Received the Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 14, 1904, his membership by order of enrollment being 1789. His preparatory Masonic degrees were received from Annawon Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the local bodies, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and an ex-member of Company I of the Meriden Militia, having been connected with that company for five years. Noble Twichell was born in Whitneyville, Conn., April 26, 1864, receiving a public school education in West Haven. His father was Anson A. Twichell, native of Oxford, Conn., and his mother is Elizabeth Gaylord Twichell, formerly of Watertown. He has been twice married, and his two children, Bessie Mae and A. Bertrand, are by his first wife. With long experience as a commercial traveler, Noble Twichell has covered a wide area in United States, Canada and Europe. For the past fourteen years, he has been employed in that capacity by the West Haven Manufacturing Company of New Haven, and for seven years prior to that by the Browne Dowd Manufacturing Company of Meriden. He was also tradesman in the factory of The Manning Bowman Company of Meriden for ten years, having there served his apprenticeship. His ambitions, however, have taken him out of factory life to a commercial success. He makes his residence at 193 Campbell Avenue, West Haven.

GEORGE GORHAM SCOTT

A 32° Mason of Ridgefield, Conn., was born there, November 5 1871, and received an education in the public schools of that place. He was the son of Hiram Keeler and Lizzie Gorham Scott, and on July 24, 1895, was married to Faustina Jennings, daughter of Theodore and Mary A. Knapp Jennings of Ridgefield. They have four children: Edward P., born December 28, 1896; George G., Jr., November 26, 1898; David F., July 2, 1908, and Faustina, December 27, 1909. They are adherents of the Episcopal faith. Autoing and historical reading are Noble Scott's favorite forms of diversion. He was elected and served as Republican judge of probate, term of 1908-10, and for seven successive years, 1891-98, was the assessor of taxes for Ridgefield. Noble Scott is engaged in the painting and decorating business for himself, having entered that field of enterprise in 1888. He also carries many lines of life and fire insurance, and is interested in the automobile business in his home town, under the firm name of Scott and Lewis, of which he is senior partner. In addition to his life membership in Pyramid Temple, which dates from May 5, 1905, his enrollment therein being 1855, he belongs to Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M., having served three times as its master; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is also a past grand in Pilgrim Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and is a resident of Ridgefield.

Herman K. Beach

J. F. Todd.

Rollin S. Woodruff

A. A. Twichell.

Geo. G. Scott

GEORGE H. T. WALLIS

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, first saw Masonic light in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; was advanced and exalted in Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; received and greeted in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; is master of ceremonies in DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; a member of Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; of Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. On December 10, 1901, he was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., his Shrine number being 1494. He is also a member of the Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple, having been so appointed in February, 1902. Noble Wallis was born in Birmingham, Eng., February 5, 1858, and was educated in the Warner School of Derby, Eng. He is proprietor of The Art Shop of Bridgeport, located at 176 State Street. His residence, also in Bridgeport, is at 94 Centre Street.

WILLIAM P. DOWNS

Honorary member of the Arab Patrol, and member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was received into its nobility, on December 14, 1904, with enrollment No. 1802. His Masonic affiliations are with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., of which he has been both junior and senior steward; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Noble Downs was born in Bridgeport, Conn., September 4, 1875, where he attended the public schools, graduating from the High School in 1896. His parents were Theodore W. and Harriet A. Houston Downs, the former of Derby, Conn., and the latter of Savannah, Ga. He was married to Mathilda C. Carstesen, in Bridgeport, April 27, 1910. In religious belief he is an Episcopalian, and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Baseball, football, and sailing are his favorite sports. From 1899 to 1908, he was ensign in 3d Division of Connecticut Naval Militia of Bridgeport. He joined as an enlisted man, and held various ratings up to and including the commissioned rank of ensign, going upon the retired list in 1908. He is a member of the Army and Navy Club of New York, and has been connected with the Bridgeport Brass Company since 1900. He resides at 770 Washington Avenue, Bridgeport.

CHARLES E. ROATH

Past outer guard in Pyramid Temple, was received in that illustrious body of the Mystic Shrine, on November 26, 1894, his membership being 1020. As a Mason, he was previously enrolled in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., which he has served as steward, senior deacon and now as tyler; in Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., where he is past tyler; in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., as sentinel, while in DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, he is also serving as tyler, and likewise in Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory Noble Roath was born in Norwich, Conn., October 22, 1845, receiving an education in the public schools of his native town. His parents, Edward M. C. and Ann Hopkins Roath, were both born in the good old Nutmeg State, the former in Preston, and the latter in Coventry. He was married in 1866, to Emma L. McLean of New London. Their six children are: Alice M., Myra W., May C., Grace L., Lawrence W., and Charles E. They were attendants at the St. John's Episcopal Church, Noble Roath having been brought up in that faith. He enjoys all outdoor sports, and his favorite reading is Josephus and the daily papers. His political faith is in the principles of Democracy. For nearly half a century from 1863, he has been most of the time with the Adams Express Company, now at Bridgeport, as expense clerk. His residence is 142 Center Street, Bridgeport.

FRED E. YALE

Of Meriden, was born in Meriden, Conn., June 14, 1881, his parents being Fred Lewis and Julia Mack Yale, the former native of Meriden, and the latter of Portland, Conn. He first knocked at the door of Masonry in Center Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M., in which he was duly entered, passed and raised. In time he sought the capitular degrees, and was advanced and exalted in Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27. The cryptic degrees were conferred on him by Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M. The Order of the Red Cross, and the Order of the Temple with the appended Orders of Malta, Rhodes, and Palestine, were duly conferred on him in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. Sir Knight Yale was received into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine on May 9, 1910, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, his enrollment number being 2289. He is a member of the Methodist Church; of the Meriden Wheel Club, and of the Meriden Business Men's Association. Noble Yale has been in the grocery business with his father since 1897, which he entered at the age of sixteen. He conducts the business under the name of Fred L. Yale & Son, at 300 East Main Street, Meriden, and he makes his home with his parents at 96 Cottage Street.

T. IRVING FERGUSON

Born in Canaan, Conn., March 10, 1854, and educated in the public schools of that place, attained to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, May 21, 1896, the number of his enrollment therein being 1160. His Masonic connections were previously made with the following bodies: Cincinnattus Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Monument Chapter, R. A. M., both of Great Barrington, Mass., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Konckapotanaugh Tribe of Red Men, and of the Algonquin Club, both in Bridgeport.

Since 1902 he has been secretary of the W. S. Mills Company of Bridgeport, manufacturers of underwear. Prior to that he had eleven years' experience in the furniture business with Ferguson & Ferguson, and another eleven years, as agent for the Housatonic Railroad.

Noble Ferguson's father is William J. Ferguson of Sheffield, Mass., and his mother was Laura A. Rood Ferguson. His wife was Emma S. Abbott, of New Marlboro, Mass. In political matters, he claims independence. He was brought up an Episcopalian, and adheres to that faith. His business address is 80 Parallel Street, Bridgeport, and his residence, 117 Wells Street, same city.

ERASTUS G. OAKLEY

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on June 6, 1907, and therein enrolled as No. 2071, attained his Masonic affiliations in Temple Lodge No. 65, A. F. & A. M., in Westport, of which he was elected master, 1911-12; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., in which he was elected thrice illustrious master in 1910, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is a member of the Algonquin Club, and affiliated with the Republican Party. He entered the employ of the Bridgeport Brass Manufacturing Company in 1899, and in 1909 was appointed assistant manufacturing superintendent. Noble Oakley was born in Easton, Conn., November 25 1880, and was educated in the public schools of Southport and Bridgeport. His parents are Arthur M. and Lauretta Leach Oakley, the former a native of Easton and the latter of Jamaica, N. Y. He was brought up in the Episcopal faith; is fond of hunting, and autoing as pastimes, and of historical reading. His business address is, The Bridgeport Brass Company, Bridgeport, and he resides in Southport. He is unmarried.

Geo H. T. Wallis

William P. Downs.

C. E. Roath

Fred. E. Yale.

T. J. Ferguson

ISAAC L. FERRIS

An Arab in Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, to which he was admitted as a noble on November 14, 1904, with membership No. 1801, was born in Danbury, Conn., June 2, 1878, and received an education in the public schools of Bridgeport and the Park Avenue Institute. His father was W. L. Ferris of Bridgeport, and his mother is Sarah E. Downs Ferris, native of Danbury. As a necessary prelude to his admission to Pyramid Temple, he had united with Masonry in the following bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13, in which he is serving as high priest; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He was brought up in the Congregational Church; his political faith is in the principles of Republicanism, and his favorite pastimes are tennis, golf, and the reading of fiction and history. He belongs to the Sea Side and Brooklawn Country Clubs, and his residence is in Bridgeport, at 31 Glenwood Avenue. Noble Ferris is factory manager for the Bridgeport Metal Goods Manufacturing Company, having been appointed to that post on January 1, 1910. For fifteen years prior to that, he was with the Bridgeport Brass Company.

HARRY W. WALKER

Became a Shriner in Pyramid Temple, on May 26, 1897, his membership in that Ancient Arabic Order, being in the order of enrollment, 836. He had previously attained connections with the following Masonic bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar.

He is connected with the Naugatuck Valley Ice Company, being its treasurer, having held that post since 1900. He was, prior to that, from 1888, in the same line with the firm of W. W. Walker & Sons. Noble Walker was born July 23, 1867, in Chicago, Ill., but was brought East when very young, and received an education in the public schools of Bridgeport, including a two years' course in the high school. His parents were W. W. Walker, native of Long Hill, Conn., and Mary C. Hubble Walker, native of Bridgeport, both of whom were Congregationalists. Their son, the subject of this sketch, also adheres to that faith. His marriage to Edith U. Walker of Bridgeport, took place in Bridgeport, September 2, 1894. They have one son, Webster W. Autoing, golfing, boating, and fishing are with him preferred pastimes, and his club memberships are in the Sea Side, Brooklawn, and Mohawk Yacht Club.

His business address is, 421 Housatonic Street, Bridgeport, and his residence, 789 Park Avenue, same city.

FRANK H. WHEELER, M. D.

Born in Montville, Conn., July 18, 1856, attended the public schools of his native town and prepared for college in the Hopkins Grammar School of New Haven, graduating from the academic department of Yale in 1880, and from the Yale Medical School in 1882. He was assistant professor of pathology in that institution, and also pathologist of the New Haven Hospital for several years. Dr. Wheeler is a Democrat, and served as police commissioner of New Haven, from 1901 to 1903. His parents were William H. and Waitstelle Whalley Wheeler, the former of Norwich, and the latter of Chesterfield. His marriage to Florence Woodhouse of New Haven took place in that city, February 28, 1889. They have two children: James Woodhouse and Harold Whalley. Their church affiliations are with the Congregationalists. Pyramid Temple received him into its ranks, as a noble, on May 24, 1894, with enrollment 998. His preparatory Masonic degrees came from Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., which he has served as thrice illustrious master, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has, likewise, had all the Scottish Rite degrees conferred by the A. A. S. R. bodies in New Haven and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar and Graduates' Clubs of New Haven, and his other fraternal associations are with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, in which he is grand medical examiner; the Foresters of America, of which he is past supreme treasurer, and he is a member of the American and Connecticut State Medical Associations. His home is at 27 Perkins Street, New Haven.

JAMES H. GEE

Of Shelton, was born in Norwich, Conn., October 31, 1868, attaining an education in the public schools of Providence and Staten Island, N. Y. His parents are Daniel G., and Nancy Holland Gee, both natives of Manchester, Eng. He was married September 1, 1893, to Catherine Stoddard of New York. They have two sons: James E., born February 1, 1895, and Norman, May 14, 1897. Noble Gee is an Episcopalian, his parents also being of the same faith. His Masonic attachments are with Richmond Lodge No. 66, A. F. & A. M., in Staten Island, N. Y.; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3, in Derby, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in Waterbury, and on January 6, 1907, he became affiliated with Pyramid Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment number in that body being 2055. His business for the past fourteen years from 1897, has been that of assistant superintendent for the Adams Manufacturing Company of Shelton. Prior to that, he was for twelve years connected with the Staten Island Dyeing Establishment in New York. He resides at No. 190 Coram Avenue.

WILLIAM ZERFASS

A York Rite Mason of Meriden, whose degrees came from Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., was created a Shriner in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1905, with membership 1932. Noble Zerfass was born in New York City, January 13, 1850, and there received an education. He was the son of John Zerfass of the village of Heppenheim, near Alzie Grand Dukedom of Hesse Darmstadt, Ger., and Amelia Agusta Harpel Zerfass, native of New York. He first entered the business world in the year 1866, as a salesman of upholstering goods, and continued in this line until 1881, when he became manager of the New York offices of Foster, Merriam & Company, engaged in the manufacture of cabinet hardware, till 1904, when he was elected president of that corporation. He was brought up a Methodist, is fond of all outdoor sports, is a general reader, and a member of the Home and Colonial Clubs. He resides at 41 Lincoln Street.

EDGAR B. ELLIS

No. 2171 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was received into its nobility on February 12, 1908, having previously affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., in which he was high priest; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is senior warden in his lodge of perfection, and junior warden in his chapter of Rose Croix, and received his thirty-second degree from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, to which he also bears allegiance as a member. Sea Side Club, too, claims his membership. Noble Ellis was born in Bridgeport, June 20, 1858, and attended the public schools in Bridgeport, and the Yale Business College, also the Art Students' League of New York. His father was Beruch Ellis, native of Belfast, Me., and his mother is Abigail Thompson Ellis, of Prospect, Me. Alice Gunn, daughter of Joseph and Imogene Brotherton Gunn of Bridgeport, is his wife. His religious affiliations are Baptist. Noble Ellis is devoted to art; is a Republican. His interior decorating business, which he began in 1898, is located at 16 Cannon Street, Bridgeport, and prior to that, from 1891, had been a member of the firm of the Cole & Ellis Company in the same line. He resides at 334 Norman Street, Bridgeport.

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CHARLES M. GERDENIER

First and second ceremonial master in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was welcomed in that illustrious body on May 3, 1891, his enrollment being 547. He is a past master in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; received his capitular degrees from Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; his cryptic degrees from Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; has served in all of the offices in his commandery, Hamilton No. 5, K. T.; passed through all the chairs of the A. A. S. R. bodies in Bridgeport, being commander-in-chief of his consistory, and was crowned with the 33° by the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. In political matters he acts by principle and independently. Since 1903 he has been superintendent of The Bridgeport Gas Light Company, having been interested in the manufacture of gas from 1882. Noble Gerdenier was born in Haverstraw, N. Y., on April 15, 1863, and received an education in public and private schools of Bridgeport. His parents are Charles A. and Catherine M. Gerdenier, both natives of New York State. His father also belongs to the ranks of Pyramid nobility. Noble Gerdenier, the subject of this sketch, was married to Louise W. Wurtz, daughter of Charles F. and Christine Lawrence Wurtz, in Bridgeport, April, 1887. He is a Congregationalist. His favorite pastime is fishing, and in reading he prefers science and fiction. He resides at 41 Centre Street, Bridgeport.

CHARLES A. GERDENIER

Charter member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., has Masonic connections with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Gerdenier was born at Nyack-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., December 20, 1836, the son of John and Eliza Gerdenier, both natives of Nyack. He attended school in his native town, and was married on Christmas Day, 1862, in Haverstraw, N. Y. His two sons are: Charles M., and Henry B., both of whom are nobles in Pyramid Temple. Noble Gerdenier is Presbyterian in his religious convictions. His favorite diversion is boating. He served the city of Bridgeport for twenty-five years in the capacity of chief in the Fire Department; held the position of chief in the Pay Department for eighteen years, and when he retired from business was superintendent of the Bridgeport Gas Works. He resides at 174 Arch Street, Bridgeport.

HENRY B. GERDENIER

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, is a son of Noble Charles A. Gerdenier, also a Pyramid Noble, and Catherine M. Gerdenier, both of whom are natives of New York. He was born in Bridgeport, Conn., May 23, 1870, and received an education in the public schools of his native city, early entering the employ of The Bridgeport Gas Light Company, where, in 1902, he became assistant superintendent.

Noble Gerdenier's Masonic affiliations are with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. Subsequently, on December 14, 1898, he became a member of Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, with enrollment No. 1301. Aside from his Masonic and Shrine affiliation, he claims no other fraternal attachments.

He holds independent political views; is interested in all athletic sports, enjoys reading along scientific lines, and resides in Bridgeport, at 282 Clinton Avenue.

EARLE M. CHRISTIE

Elevated to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, in the class of November 20, 1911, bears Masonic allegiance to St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. S. R. Noble Christie was born in Jersey City, N. J., February 6, 1887, and was educated in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His father was Leonard Daniel Christie, and his mother is Effie D. (Graham) Christie. He is fond of outdoor sports and athletics, and in reading prefers the historical. He is a member of the Bridgeport Business Men's Association, of the Bridgeport Board of Trade; the Hospital Corps; the Coast Artillery Corps, of the Connecticut National Guard; of the Y. M. C. A. Tennis Club; and is vice-president of the Bridgeport Club. On May 7, 1906, he became accountant for Jacob Ruppert, the New York brewer, and on December 6, 1910, was appointed manager of the Ruppert Bridgeport Branch, located at 215 Housatonic Avenue. He also resides in Bridgeport, at 1640 Park Avenue.

GEORGE H. WHITLOCK

Was brought to Masonic light in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., in Ansonia, Conn. Dimitting from it, he joined Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M., in Ridgefield; he was advanced and exalted in Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23, in Danbury; the cryptic rite degrees were conferred on him in Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., in Danbury, and he was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. On June 6, 1907, he was admitted to membership in Pyramid Temple, the number of his enrollment being 2097. He is also affiliated with the Odd Fellows in Ansonia, (Naugatuck Lodge), and a member of the Ridgefield Fire Department, Ridgefield Band, and Sphinx Temple Band of Hartford. He was elected first selectman, 1907-08. He has been conducting his own plumbing and heating business for the past six years, and was a journeyman plumber, 1892-1901. From 1901 to 1905, he was foreman for Benedict & Burnham of Waterbury. He was also on the Board of Plumbing Examiners for Waterbury, from 1903 to 1905. Noble Whitlock was born in Florence, Mass., September 28, 1873. He attended the public schools of Ansonia. His parents, who reside in Ridgefield, are Lyman H. and Jane S. Rummell Whitlock, the former native of Ridgefield, and the latter of Lee, Mass. He was married in Goshen, Conn., June 26, 1901, to Sadie Grace Bentley, daughter of Frederick C. and Lois A. Webster Bentley. Their daughter, Alma E., was born January 3, 1903. His religious belief is Episcopal, also the belief of his parents, and his political affiliations are with the Republican Party. He delights in music and all outdoor sports, and history is his favorite reading. His residence is in Ridgefield.

CHARLES HORTON MILES

First saw Masonic light in Center Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M., where he is serving as master; received his capitular degrees in Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., and was knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. Through the medium of the latter, he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 13, 1908, with membership 2197. Noble Miles is the son of Allen B. and Clara E. Horton Miles. He was born in Meriden, Conn., June 6, 1880, and was there educated, graduating from its high school in 1898. He was married in Meriden, on January 20, 1904, to Jessie B. Mason, daughter of David and Sarah J. Yost Mason of that city. They reside at 677 Broad Street, Meriden. His early associations in business were with the Farrell Foundry and Machine Company of Ansonia, and the Charles Parker Company of Meriden. He is at present bookkeeper for the International Silver Company of Meriden.

Charles. N. Gerdenier

Earle N. Christie

Charles A. Gerdenier

Geo. H. Wheelock

Charles N. Miles.

CHARLES C. STEVENS

A 32° Mason of New Haven, and in the grocery and provision business for the past thirty-five years from 1876, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and the order duly exemplified on him on May 30, 1891, with enrollment 1461. His Masonic qualifications for entrance to the Shrine came through the medium of Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, P. of J.; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and is connected with Harmony Lodge No. 5, of the I. O. O. F., in New Haven, and with Hammonassett Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men. He served on the Finance Board of the city of New Haven in 1908, and is a believer in Democratic principles. Noble Stevens was born in New Haven, Conn., on December 7, 1856, and received an education in public and private schools of his native city. He was the son of Robert and Adelia A. Young Stevens, the former of Naugatuck, and the latter of Greenport, L. I., N. Y. Historical and political reading are greatly enjoyed by him, and all outdoor sports. His business address is 318 Columbus Avenue, New Haven, and he resides at 152 Temple Street, New Haven.

FRANK P. BUMP

Made a 32° Mason, on May 12, 1899, and Masonically connected with the Bridgeport bodies, both York and Scottish Rite, was on April 29, 1898, received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and enrolled 1285. Noble Bump was born in Janesville, Wis., November 18, 1852, and graduated from Racine College, in his native State, in 1873. His parents were Nelson Potter and Mary Ann Thomas Bump. He was married in 1883 to Stella Perry of Berlin, Wis. Their children are: Nelson Perry, Mary Alice and Mabel Aura. They are Episcopalians. He was with the Crane Company of Chicago, Ill., 1873-1879, in general office, city sales' and malleable iron departments; with the Bridgeport Malleable Iron Company in 1879; also bookkeeper and cashier for Goewey & Company, wholesale and retail hardware dealers in Sioux City, Ia., 1880-86, when he became connected with The Eaton, Cole & Burnham Company of 570 Main Street, Bridgeport, now the Crane Valve Company, for many years having been their cost clerk. He resides at 90 Prospect Street, Bridgeport.

WILLIAM E. BURNHAM

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason, and retired vice-president of The Eaton, Cole & Burnham Company, stands enrolled 2206, in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., to the nobility of which he was admitted May 13, 1908. His blue lodge is St. John's No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; his chapter, Jerusalem No. 13, R. A. M.; his commandery, Hamilton No. 5, K. T., and the Scottish Rite degrees were conferred on him by the Bridgeport bodies. He is also a member of Court Burnham of the Foresters of America. His club interests are with the New York Athletic, Sea Side Outing, Algonquin, Brooklawn, Bridgeport Yacht, New York Yacht, and Union League of New Haven. Noble Burnham is a Republican, and a director of the Bridgeport Public Library, Bridgeport Hospital, his first appointment to this service having been in 1908, and his second in 1910, covering a period of three years. Besides his present business, which is that of director of the Automatic Machine Company, he is a director of the Connecticut National Bank. His parents were Edward G. and Mary Ferree Burnham of Springfield, Mass., where he was born, November 25, 1856. He removed to Bridgeport, Conn., in 1860, and was there educated in public schools, and graduated from the private school of S. B. Jones, now the Park Avenue Institute. Hattie J. Kiefer of Bridgeport became his wife, on December 10, 1884, and they reside in that city, at 817 Fairfield Avenue. His business address is 35 P. O. Arcade, Bridgeport.

EDWARD L. FOX

A York Rite Mason of New Haven, was admitted to the ranks of the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, with enrollment 2002, having previously received his Masonic degrees from Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Fox has made a specialty of manufacturing feed water heaters, and has been connected with the National Pipe Bending Company since 1893, having been appointed its treasurer in 1896. His business address is 61 Lloyd Street, New Haven, and he resides at 165 Dwight Street, same city.

CHARLES B. DOOLITTLE

Traffic superintendent of The Southern New England Telephone Company, is one of the telephone pioneers of America, having entered the telephone business in 1878. He first saw Masonic light in Widow's Son Lodge No. 66, A. F. & A. M., in Branford, of which lodge he is a past master; received the capitular degrees in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; was admitted to the ninth arch in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He entered the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on December 9, 1897, with enrollment 1244. Noble Doolittle is the son of Thomas B. and Mary L. Bradley Doolittle, and was born in Bridgeport, Conn., October 4, 1868, where he received his early education, completing his schooling in New York and Massachusetts. He was married in Washington, D. C., on October 30, 1899, to Laura L., daughter of Henry A. Seymour of that city. They have one child, Mortimer Leggett. Noble Doolittle's business address is 114 Court Street, New Haven, and his residence, 219 Bradley Street, New Haven.

GEORGE E. SOMERS

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, was born in Newtown, Conn., January 21, 1833, the son of Rufus and Esther Peck Somers, both natives of Newtown. He was twice married, in Southbury, in 1858, to Sarah J. Noble, and in Derby, 1865, to Mrs. Fanny E. French Clark, daughter of Miles French of Bethany. They have one adopted child, Mrs. Jennie S. Rollins. Their religious belief is Congregational, his parents having also been of that faith. Noble Somers believes in the principles of true Republicanism, and represented his city in the State Legislature, 1895-97. Becoming associated with the Bridgeport Brass Company in 1881, and later its vice-president, he succeeded to the presidency of same in 1905. The Bridgeport Crucible Company also have in him their presiding officer. He is Masonically identified with Continental Lodge No. 76, in Waterbury; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3, in Derby; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., in Waterbury, and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., in Waterbury, in which he is a charter member; in New Haven he received the templar orders. The several degrees of the Scottish Rite were duly conferred on him by the Bridgeport A. A. S. R. bodies, his consistory being Lafayette. In the infancy of Pyramid, and of the A. A. O. N. M. S., in this country, he was welcomed into its fold as the seventieth Son of the Desert to find refuge therein. For about forty-two years he has been a member of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, in Nosahogan Lodge in Waterbury. His favorite sports are hunting and fishing, and in reading he prefers the historical. His business address is that of the Bridgeport Brass Company of Bridgeport, while his residence is located at 365 East Washington Aveune.

Chas C Starrett

Frank O Burns

W. E. Burnham

Edward L Fox.

Chas B Doolittle

WILLIAM R. HOPPEN

Entered Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine as a life member, on April 25, 1904, with membership number 1762. He bears Masonic allegiance to Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs, and the Union League. His political affiliation is Republican. Noble Hoppen was born in New Haven, Conn., on July 8, 1870, and attended the New Haven grammar and high schools. His father, who passed away in 1885, was Daniel M. Hoppen, native of Prospect, Conn., and his mother, Mary J. Ravenscroft Hoppen, is of English birth. On October 16, 1902, his marriage to Maude Ella Goodwin, daughter of Frederick T. Goodwin, native of New Haven, and Rosena Richmond Goodwin, of Moodus, took place in New Haven. They have two children, Russell Goodwin, born August 29, 1904, and Ruth Goodwin, May 14, 1911. Noble Hoppen was reared in the Methodist faith but later espoused the Congregational faith, which is also the faith of Mrs. Hoppen. For several years he was secretary of the Gounod Society. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports, and he enjoys general reading. For eight years Noble Hoppen was employed in the electrical department of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., and four years he was salesman for Pettingell Andrews Company. He is now vice-president and treasurer of The Hessel & Hoppen Company, jobbers of electrical supplies, their business location being at 34-36 Crown Street, New Haven. He also resides in that city, at 358 Winthrop Avenue.

WILLIAM LINCOLN McLELLAN

A York Rite Mason of Norwalk, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, with membership 1212. His Masonic degrees have so far been taken with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Joseph Andrews Chapter, R. A. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. From 1885 he has been a manufacturer of engineers' supplies, and during the five previous years he was engaged with S. P. Avery of New York City, dealer in fine arts. Noble McLellan was born in New York City, April 23, 1864, and was there educated. His father was John E. McLellan, and his mother is Rebecca Fulton McLellan. He was married in New Canaan, to Malia Merrill of that town, daughter of Theodore and Emily Stevens Merrill, and they have three children: Royal H., born February 23, 1895; Harold F., November 26, 1892, and Violet M., April 8, 1891. They are attendants at the Episcopal Church. Hunting and fishing are his favorite diversions, and in reading his preference is history. He resides at 173 Main Street, and his business is also located in Norwalk.

WILLIAM THOMAS PARR

Inducted into the mysteries of the Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on May 13, 1909, with enrollment 2249, has York Rite Masonic connections in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a junior deacon; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His A. A. S. R. degrees were received from E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs of New Haven, and of Elks Lodge No. 25. Noble Parr was born in London, Eng., November 19, 1871, receiving an education in public and private schools of his native city. His parents were William Edward and Eliza Harvey Parr, both of English nativity. For the past twenty years he has been a manufacturer of art glass, his place of business being at 87 Orange Street, New Haven. His favorite game is billiards, and he resides at 56 Kensington Street, New Haven.

GEORGE E. FOX

Became an Arab in Pyramid Temple, having attained to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, on May 5, 1903, his enrollment therein being 1608. His Masonic attachments were previously made with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. His other fraternal affiliations are with Harris Lodge No. 99, of the Odd Fellows, in which he is a past grand. His son, Floyd, is also a past grand in Harris Lodge, and in Stratfield Encampment, in which Noble Fox is high priest. He was born in Bridgeport, Conn., August 1, 1861, and received an education in the public schools of that city. His parents were George H. and Anna Elizabeth Farrand Fox. In 1880 he was married to Alice L. Stratton, daughter of Henry Stratton of Bridgeport. They have two children: Floyd A., born January 12, 1881, and Frank E., April 25, 1883. His religious affiliations are Methodist, and he was brought up in that faith. Fishing is his favorite pastime, and he resides at 152 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport. He acts with the Republican Party, and has held the office of city sheriff for the past twenty-one years, and that of detective sergeant of the Bridgeport Police Department for the past seventeen years. His business address is Police Department, Bridgeport.

RALPH T. FAIRCHILD

Became a noble of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1910, with enrollment No. 2303, having since been elected to membership in Pyramid Arab Patrol. His Masonic affiliations are with St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is, too, a member of the Brooklawn Country Club, and of the Seaside Club, also of the Algonquin Club, and is a Republican. Noble Fairchild was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on January 24, 1882, receiving an education in a private school at Ossining, N. Y. His father was Alfred B. Fairchild, and his mother, Eliza M. Tomlinson Fairchild. From 1902 to the present time he has been a manufacturer of soap, and a member of the firm of Fairchild & Shelton, whose location is at 305 Housatonic Avenue, Bridgeport. He resides at 1222 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport.

DANIEL C. JOYCE

Town treasurer of Brookfield, Conn., since 1907, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, on June 6, 1907, the number of his membership being 2084. He is Masonically connected with all of the York Rite bodies in Danbury. Having knocked at the door of Masonry in Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., he was therein duly entered, passed, and raised; was exalted in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; received his cryptic rite degrees in Wooster Council, No. 28, R. & S. M., and was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., and through the medium of the latter to Pyramid Temple. From boyhood he was actively interested in farming, and until about sixteen years ago. Noble Joyce was born in Brookfield, Conn., October 15, 1880, and attended the public schools in his native town. His parents, Daniel E. and Sarah A. Clark Joyce, are both natives of the good old Nutmeg State. He is a Republican and an Episcopalian, is fond of all outdoor sports, and resides in the home of his boyhood, four miles from Brookfield.

W. R. Hopper

Wm L. McLellan

William S. Parr

George E Fox

Ralph T. Fairchild

HOWARD L. LOWNDES

Senior steward in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; master of the second veil in Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38, and guard in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., is a 32° Mason, and affiliated with all of the Bridgeport Scottish Rite bodies. He was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 6, 1909, and his membership therein is 2090. Since 1900 he has been actively interested in the planting and growing of oysters, and is a member of the American Association of Masters and Pilots. Noble Lowndes was born in Darien, Conn., November 20, 1872, and received an education in the public schools of South Norwalk, to which was added, in 1890, a course in the Yale Business College. His father was Theodore S. Lowndes, native of Rowayton, and his mother, Abbie S. Jarvis Lowndes, of Centerport, Long Island, N. Y. On July 31, 1904, his marriage to Grace P. Buckman of Norwalk, took place in Elmhurst, Long Island. She is the daughter of Joseph and Jennie Cargan Buckman, the former a native of Norwalk, and the latter of Katonah, N. Y. They have three children: Helen L., Grace B., and Beatrice L. Noble Lowndes is fond of baseball and other outdoor sports, and a member of the South Norwalk Club. His business location is 120 Water Street, South Norwalk, and his home in East Norwalk is at 35 Seaview Avenue.

GILBERT HORNER

Since 1910 foreman in the National Soft Hat Company's factory in Danbury, was four years prior to that foreman in the finishing department of the Hawes Von Gal Company's factory, and was fourteen years with the Millard Hat Company. Noble Horner was born in Chippenham, Eng., January 10, 1874. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth Candy Stillman Horner, both of Chippenham, and both Methodists. He was married in Danbury, June 5, 1901, to Louise, daughter of Edward S. and Hannah Gregory Davis, both of that city. His membership in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., oasis of Bridgeport, dates from November 23, 1908, with enrollment 2232, having attained his Masonic connections with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also attached to Progressive Lodge No. 18 of the Odd Fellows, in Danbury. Golf and tennis are his favorte sports. He resides at 16 Farview Avenue, Danbury.

HARRY A. HOUSE, JR.

Of Bridgeport, Conn., was born in that city, and there attained a public school education, graduating in 1882. He is the son of Henry Alonzo House of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mary Elizabeth House of Little Meadow. He was married in Long Hill, Conn., November 12, 1889, to Rena C. Tousey, daughter of R. C. Tousey, who was a thirty-second degree Mason, and Ellen E. Francis Tousey of Cortland, N. Y. Having accepted a position with Sir Hiram Maxim, he immediately sailed for London, and there was engaged in the construction of a three hundred horse-power flying machine at Bexley, Kent, Eng. After these experiments were carried out in 1891, he went to Teddington-on-Thames, and there engaged in building fast launches, and in 1893 removing the business to Cowes, Isle of Wight, they formed the Liquid-Fuel-Engineering Company, he acting as maanger, in the manufacture of liquid-fuel yachts, launches and commercial automobiles. In January, 1897, he was granted the first No. 1 License for automobiles on English highways, and in 1899 was awarded the first gold medal for English-built autoomnibuses, also receiving several medals and diplomas for automobiles and component parts made under his patents. His company has constructed launches for King Edward VII., for the German Emperor, and several foreign princes, besides many other gentlemen of note. In 1900 he was appointed to the vice consulate of Southampton, Eng., which post he held for seven years, returning to his native country in 1908. His present business connections are with the United States Paper and Bottle Company of Bridgeport, which employ he entered in 1909. Having accomplished his journey across the hot sands in safety, he was duly enrolled among the faithful of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on November 28, 1910, and his enrollment 2328. His Masonic connections were previously made with Washington Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M. of Monroe, Conn.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., of Bridgeport. His English club affiliations are with the M. I. M. E. of London, and the Royal Auto Club of Great Britain and Ireland. He is also a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers of London. Noble House is an adherent of the Episcopal faith, as also are his parents. Autoing and yachting are his favorite diversions, and his reading is chiefly along scientific lines. He resides at Long Hill, Conn.

THOMAS LLEWELLYN JAMES

A 32° Mason of New Haven, entered the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 28, 1893. He is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M.; was dimitted from Evening Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M., to join Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 36, R. A. M.; received his cryptic degrees in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is a member of the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite, and of Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men in Seymour, in Nonnawauk Tribe, No. 9. He was a Republican representative to the House from Seymour in 1884, and for twenty years was a member of the Seymour School Board. He entered the employ of the New Haven Copper Company, of which he is president, in 1867, becoming its executive head in 1879. Noble James was born in Birmingham, Conn., May 7, 1846, and received his early education in the common schools of Seymour, later attending the Gen. Russell Military School in New Haven. His father was Thomas James of Swansea, Wales, and his mother is Minerva H. Rowe James of Oxford, this State. He was married in Burlington, N. J., on July 21, 1870, to Julia A. Du Bois, who passed away June 27, 1911, leaving two children: Ida L., and Agnes D. P., Julia and May having preceded her to the Great Beyond, the former on September 29, 1878, and the latter, on January 29, 1892. His business is located in Seymour, where he also resides.

HARVEY L. JENKINS

Member of the Fire Department and engineer of Engine Company No. 1, of Bridgeport, has served his city in that capacity since 1895. By trade he is a tool and die maker. Noble Jenkins was born in Newark, N. J., April 15, 1876, and there took the regular courses of study in the public schools, and later a special course for two years. His father was David L. Jenkins, born in Newark, N. J., and his mother is Jane S. L. Stevens Jenkins, native of the northern section of Ireland. His admission to the rank of the nobility in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., took place on May 5, 1903, his enrollment in that illustrious body being numbered 1665. He holds Masonic membership, previously attained, in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also connected with Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, of the I. O. O. F. Noble Jenkins is a Republican in politics, and was brought up in the Methodist Church. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, and he is fond of scientific reading.

Howard L Lowndes

Gilbert Horner

Harry A House Jr.

Thomas L James

Harvey L. Jenkins

LEWIS W. COLEY, D. D. S.

Of Bridgeport, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., February 25, 1860. His parents were Charles W. and Ellen Bailey Coley. He received an education in public and private schools of his native city, graduating from the Strong Military School. He was married in 1887, to Ella M. Teague of Bridgeport. Their children are: Luella B., and Brewster. They are Congregationalists. Baseball is his favorite sport, and his political views are Republican. The practice of dental surgery has claimed his attention for the past twenty-one years, ten years prior to that having been spent in the hat and novelty-manufacturing industry. He attained the rank of noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1905, with enrollment No. 1848, his Masonic connections having been made with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He resides at 582 Kossuth Street.

JOHN K. DYER

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 5, 1905, with enrollment 1862, received his York Rite degrees from Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, of which bodies he is secretary, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is a member of the Knights Templar and Union League Clubs, both of New Haven and of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Noble Dyer was born in Somerville, Mass., on December 19, 1873, and attended the public schools in Medford, Mass. His father was N. A. Dyer and his mother is P. A. Dyer, both of Truro, Mass. He was married to Elizabeth B. Pope of New Haven, on September 17, 1907, and they have two children: John K., Jr., born July 12, 1908, and Allen B., February 12, 1911. Since April, 1910, he has been New England Freight Agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, having been connected with that company from 1893, in various capacities. His business addresses are, 39 Church Street, New Haven, Conn., and 294 Washington Street, Boston, Mass., in consequence of which he maintains two residence addresses, one in New Haven and the other in Medford, Mass.

JESSE B. CORNWALL

Potentate of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in 1900, was welcomed in that illustrious body and therein ennobled on May 24, 1894, his enrollment being 975. He has attained the 33° in Masonry, and is connected with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in which he is a past commander; also with the Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport; of Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix he was junior and senior warden, and first lieutenant commander of Lafayette Consistory. His club memberships include the Algonquin, Brooklawn, and Bridgeport Yacht Clubs. Illustrious Noble Cornwall was born in Redding, Conn., June 3, 1856, receiving his schooling in his native town and in Oxford. He was secretary and treasurer in the piano and organ hardware manufacturing business of the Cornwall & Patterson Company, having entered upon the duties of that position more than thirty years ago, in 1879, but he has now severed his interest in that firm, and retired from active business. His residence is at 625 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport.

WILMOT L. HIBBART

Son of Noble Joseph W. Hibbart of Ridgefield, was born in that town, September 10, 1884, receiving his education in the public schools of his native town, and in Brown's Business College. On Christmas Day, 1907, he was married to Grace Warner, daughter of Theodore Warner of Danbury. He is proprietor of a fruit and vegetable market. He, too, knocked at the door of Masonry in Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M., and, like his father, was exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons, becoming a member of Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., after which he made the acquaintance of the camel in his trip across the desert sands to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., oasis of Bridgeport, where he was ennobled on June 6, 1907, being enrolled 2115, in that illustrious body of the Shrine. He resides in Ridgefield, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. in that town.

JOSEPH W. HIBBART

Proprietor since 1885 of an ice, fruit and vegetable business in Ridgefield, was born in New Haven, Conn., November 28, 1860, and attended the public schools of his native town. His father is Edwin W. Hibbart, a native of New Haven, and his mother, who was born Catherine Knapp, was a native of North Salem. He was married in North Salem, N. Y., to Emma Sarles, daughter of Lyman and Marilda Dickens Sarles, both natives of Ridgefield. Their children are: Noble Wilmot L., born September 10, 1884; Howard S., September 15, 1885; Florence E., March 17, 1893, and J. Earl, May 4, 1897.

Religiously, his preference is for the Methodist Church, and his parents also were Methodists. He was elected first selectman in Ridgefield for three years in succession.

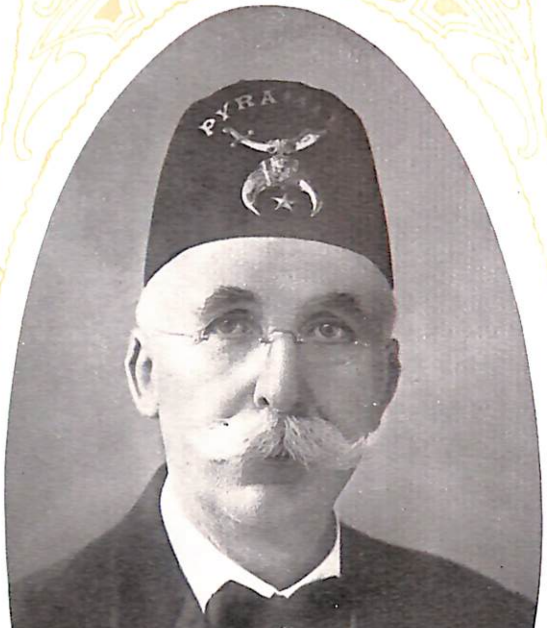
He is Masonically connected with Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery. After receiving the templar orders, he applied for admission to the Order of the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid Temple, and was granted admittance on April 9, 1906, his enrollment number being 1624. He is also an Odd Fellow in Pilgrim Lodge No. 46, in Ridgefield, and an Elk, being a noble grand in the South Norwalk body. He lives in Ridgefield.

FRANK W. ALLEN

On December 9, 1897, was received in that splendid body of Shrine nobility in Pyramid Temple, the number of his enrollment being 1240. He is a 32° Mason, and his home Masonic lodge is Brainard No. 102, A. F. & A. M. He is a past commander in Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., and received the several degrees of the Scottish Rite from the Norwich A. A. S. R. bodies, of each of which he is a member. He likewise belongs to Fairview Lodge No. 101 of the Odd Fellows in Groton; for two years he was president of the Thames Club of New London, and its secretary for three years; served several years as ferry commissioner; 1901-06 was secretary and purchasing agent for the Eastern Ship Building Company's works in Groton, and prior to that was employed for twelve years in the general offices of the New London division of the Central Vermont Railway, and New London Steamboat Company, in the freight, passenger and operating departments. Noble Allen was born in Groton, Conn., March 31, 1868. His schooling received in his native town, New London and Mystic, was supplemented by a course in Eastman's Business College, in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he graduated. His father, William H. Allen, native of Lebanon, Conn., passed away February 23, 1908, and his mother, Georgiana Bailey Allen, is of Groton. Hunting, fishing, boating and all outdoor sports are much enjoyed by him, and he resides at 204 Thames Street, Groton.

Lewis H. Coley

John A. Dyer



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Wilmot L. Hibbart

ELBRIDGE GERRY

Active in mercantile and political life in the city of his adoption, there established his own wholesale grocery and hatter supply business, the style of his firm being: The Elbridge Gerry Company. In 1905 he incorporated same, becoming its president, which position he now fills. Republican in politics, he was elected as city councilman in 1902, also as a member of the city Board of Apportionment and tax assessor from 1907-12. Noble Gerry was born in Sudbury, Mass., April 29, 1858. His father is I. H. Gerry, formerly of Sudbury, Mass., and his mother was Josephine McPackard of Brockton, Mass. He attained an education in the public schools of Orange, N. J. On April 27, 1882, his marriage to Elizabeth McDonald of Hamilton, Ontario, Can., was celebrated in that place. They have one child, Alex LeRoy, born on January 9, 1886. His fraternal attachments include Masonry, and the Shrine, and Odd Fellowship. His Masonic bodies are: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in which he was brought to light; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, being a past eminent commander. Subsequently, on April 29, 1902, he became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, by order of enrollment, his number being 1505. Of the I. O. O. F., his lodge is Progressive No. 18 in Danbury, and he is on the roll of the Danbury Club. He is a Congregationalist, and was brought up in that faith. His business location is No. 9 Library Place, Danbury, and he also resides in Danbury, at 32 Westville Avenue.

AUGUSTUS G. ISING

A 32° Mason, and postmaster of Danbury from 1900, was town clerk from January, 1894, to 1900, city clerk of Danbury from 1891 to 1893, and interested in the jewelry business from 1874 to 1904. His Masonic connections are with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., in which he has been secretary since 1897; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He received the several degrees of the Scottish Rite in Bridgeport, up to and including the thirty-second. Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., received him May 5, 1904, and he was therein enrolled 1402. For the past twelve years he has been treasurer of Progressive Lodge No. 18, of the Odd Fellows in Danbury, and is a member of Devotion Encampment. He is also treasurer of Pahquioque Council No. 9, in the Order of United American Mechanics, Danbury. Danbury Club also claims his membership. Noble Ising was born in New York City, January 29, 1851. His marriage to Annabelle Stone, daughter of Colonel Henry B. and Sarah Benjamin Stone of Danbury, was solemnized in that city, December 15, 1875. They have three children: Harold E., born July 4, 1877; Sadie B., February 22, 1881, and Wayne S., November 12, 1890.

JAMES W. PORTER

Born in Danbury, Conn., in 1856, the son of O. H. Porter and Hattie E. Fanton, was educated in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In 1884 he was married to Clara H. Hull, daughter of Andrew Hull and Clara A. Schoonmaker of Danbury. At her demise in 1901, she left a ten-year-old son, George H. Porter. Noble Porter resides at 415 Main Street, Danbury, and for the past ten years has been engaged in the hardware business in Danbury. He served the city six years as alderman. For sixteen years he has been a director of the Danbury fair. Noble Porter has been a member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., since October 26, 1885, and served for eight years as a representative to the Imperial Council. He was made a Mason in Faribault, Minn., Lodge No. 9, A. F. & A. M., on March 2, 1881, where he was then engaged in the hotel business. He was exalted in Tyron Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons, in Faribault, and received the cryptic degrees in Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters in Danbury in 1883. He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Faribault Commandery, K. T., on June 7, 1881, but dimitted therefrom to become affiliated with Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., in Danbury, on September 10, 1882.

CHARLES O. BROWN

Joined Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M. in Danbury, and there also became identified with Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, and was subsequently received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Oasis of Bridgeport, on November 23, 1908, his enrollment therein being 2217.

Noble Brown has been engaged in civil engineering since 1871, and off and on for the past twenty years has been city engineer of Danbury. He is a graduate of the Weston Military Institute of Connecticut, and for six years before coming to Danbury in 1877, was employed in the city engineer's office of Yonkers, N. Y.

He was born in the town of Greenburgh, N. Y., October 8, 1852, and his parents were Isaac and Mary E. Losee Brown, both natives of Greenburgh. On April 4, 1878, he was married to Jennie F. White of Danbury, daughter of Charles and Jennie A. Deere White. He is politically affiliated with the Republicans. His business address is City Hall, Danbury, City Engineering Department, and he resides at No. 9 Downs Street, same city.

JOSEPH B. HURD

Was born in Danbury, Conn., in January, 1859, and received his education in the public schools of his native city. He was the son of Henry E. and Marietta Comes Hurd, both of Fishkill, N. Y. On October 28, 1881, he was married to Ella J., daughter of John J. and Susan Foster Jarvis of Ridgefield.

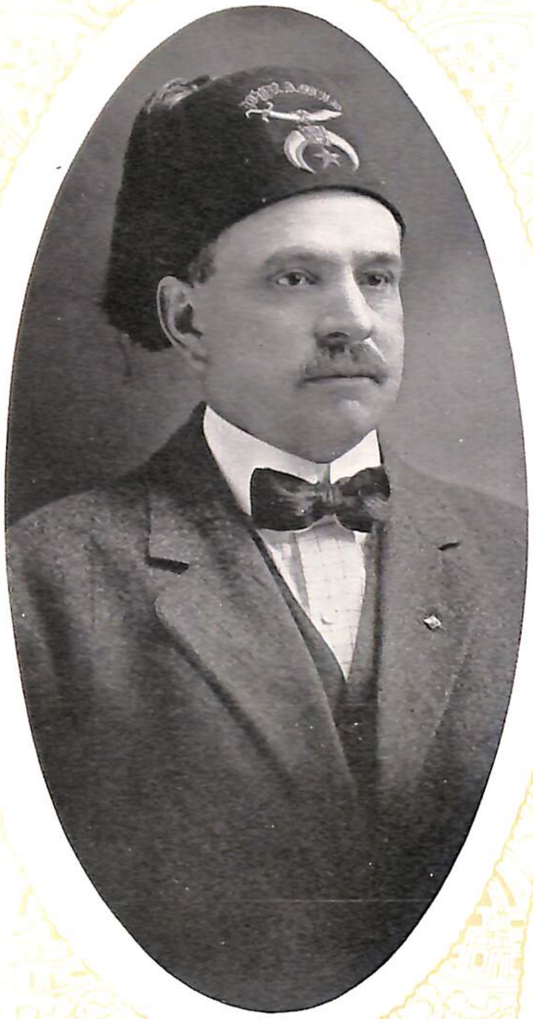
Noble Hurd has been a member of the firm of F. D. Tweedy & Company, since 1900. Previous to that, he was connected with Beckley & Company, hat manufacturers, for fourteen years.

He is a noble of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., having been inducted into that body on May 13, 1909, with enrol'ment 2264. In Masonry, he is a member of Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He is also a member of the Danbury Club.

Noble Hurd attends the Episcopal Church. His business address is Tweedy Factory, Danbury, and he resides at 8 Downs Street, Danbury.

LOUIS FISK

Assistant cashier of the Home National Bank of Meriden, Conn., was enrolled in the Pyramid Temple body of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on April 25, 1904, with membership number 1765. His Masonic affiliations are with the following bodies: Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, K. T. He is also an Elk, in Meriden Lodge No. 35, and holds club membership in the Colonial, Home and Highland Country Clubs. Noble Fisk was born in Meriden, Conn., February 28, 1874, and was educated in its public schools. His father is Clarence H. Fisk, native of Middletown, Conn., and his mother was Jane E. Goodell Fisk, also of Middletown. His marriage to Florence C. Wilcox, daughter of Horace C. and Ellen H. Parker Wilcox of Meriden, took place in New York City, June 26, 1904. Their religious affiliations are Episcopal. He is fond of all outdoor sports, and resides at 360 Colony Street, Meriden.



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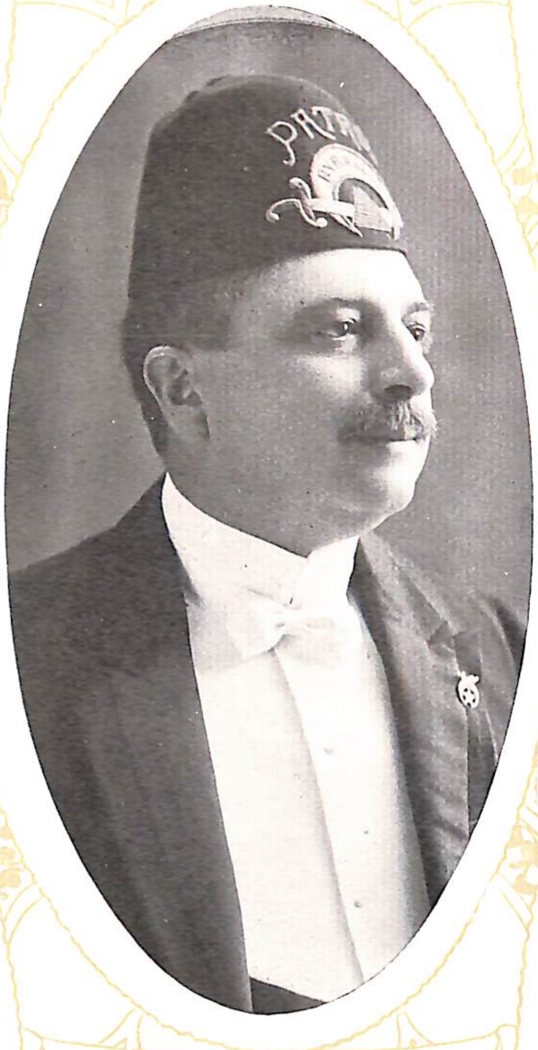

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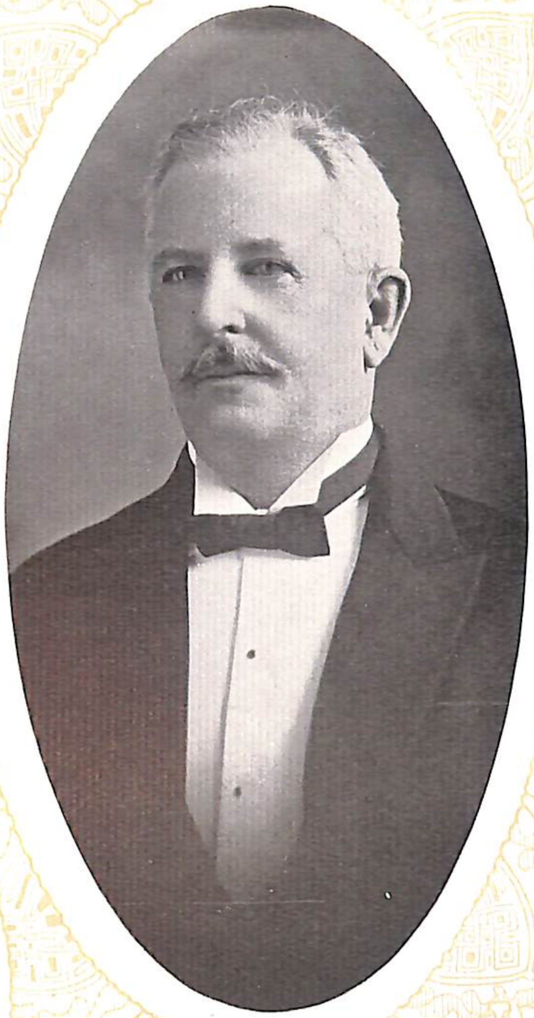

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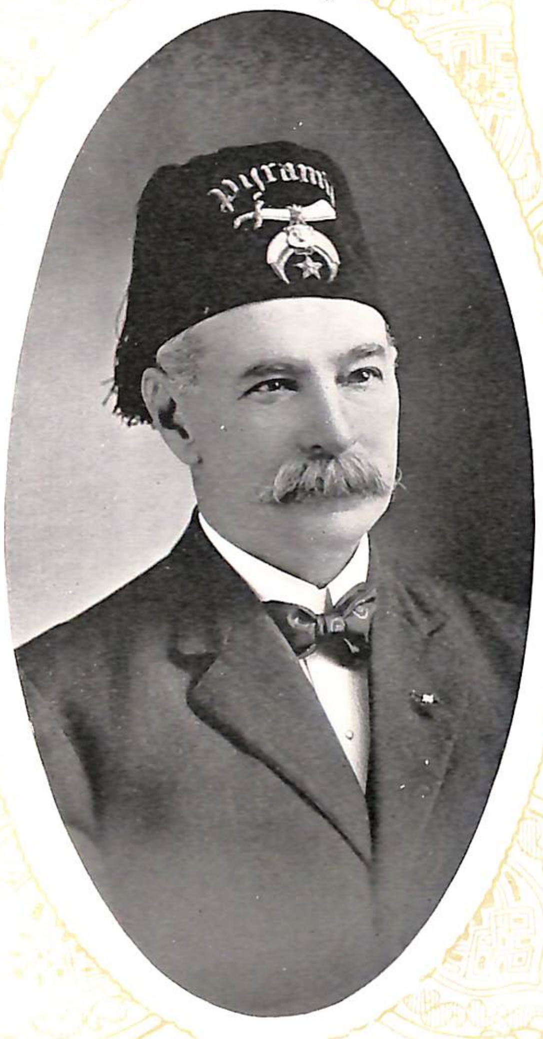

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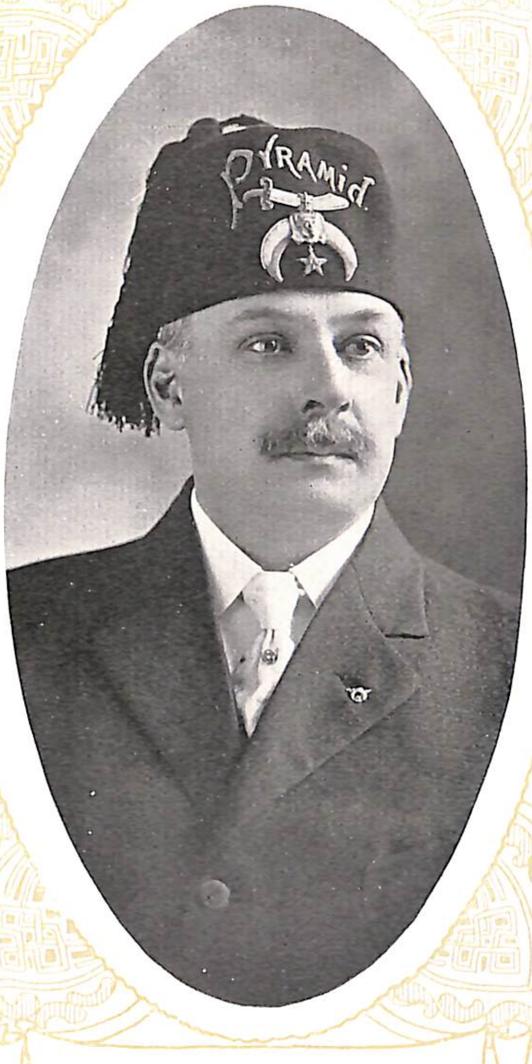

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ANDREW B. GRAHAM

A York Rite Mason, was born in Palmer, Mass., July 26, 1843, his parents having been David and Maria Brown Graham. He received an education in the Palmer public schools, later taking special courses in Springfield, Mass., and Bristol, R. I. He was married in Stratford, October 20, 1875, to Helen J. Whiting, daughter of Ezra and Mary A. Jewell Whiting. Their children are: Noble Ezra Whiting, also of the Pyramid fold and Ethel, who is now Mrs. August. Noble Graham retired from active business life in 1908, after a long career as contractor with Eaton, Cole and Burnham. His special work was that of polisher. He attends the Episcopal Church, and follows the principles of Republicanism. His Masonic connections are with St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Through the medium of the latter, he was admitted to Pyramid Temple, A. A. Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on May 15, 1900, and was therein enrolled 1405. He is also an Odd Fellow of Oronoque Lodge No. 90. His home is on King Street, Stratford.

EZRA WHITING GRAHAM

A 32° Mason, son of Noble Andrew B. Graham of Stratford, and grandson of the late Noble Ezra Whiting, both of Pyramid Temple, was born in that town, March 10, 1877, receiving an education in the public schools of Stratford, and the Bridgeport Business College. He is Masonically identified with St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., in which he was entered, passed and raised; he was advanced and exalted in Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; was admitted to the ninth arch in Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; and knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, on June 16, 1910. He was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on March 21, 1911, becoming a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, in Lafayette Consistory, A. A. S. R., on April 24, 1911. For the past five years Noble Graham's business has kept him on the road most of the time. His religion, like that of his parents, is Episcopal, and he makes his home with them in Stratford. His Shrine number is 2341.

EZRA WHITING

Entered the Unseen Temple on May 7, 1908. He was a 32° Mason and affiliated with both Masonic and Shrine bodies in Bridgeport. He was born in Stratford, Conn., September 8, 1825. His father was Lasper Whiting, also born in Stratford, and his mother was Helen Judson Whiting. May 13, 1847, he was married to Mary A. Jewell, daughter of John and Martha Ferris Jewell of Irvington, N. Y. Four children survive him. They are, Lasper K., Helen J., Ida J., and Laura A. The lamented noble was brought up in the Episcopal faith. His home and business were both in Stratford.

EDGAR J. DOOLITTLE

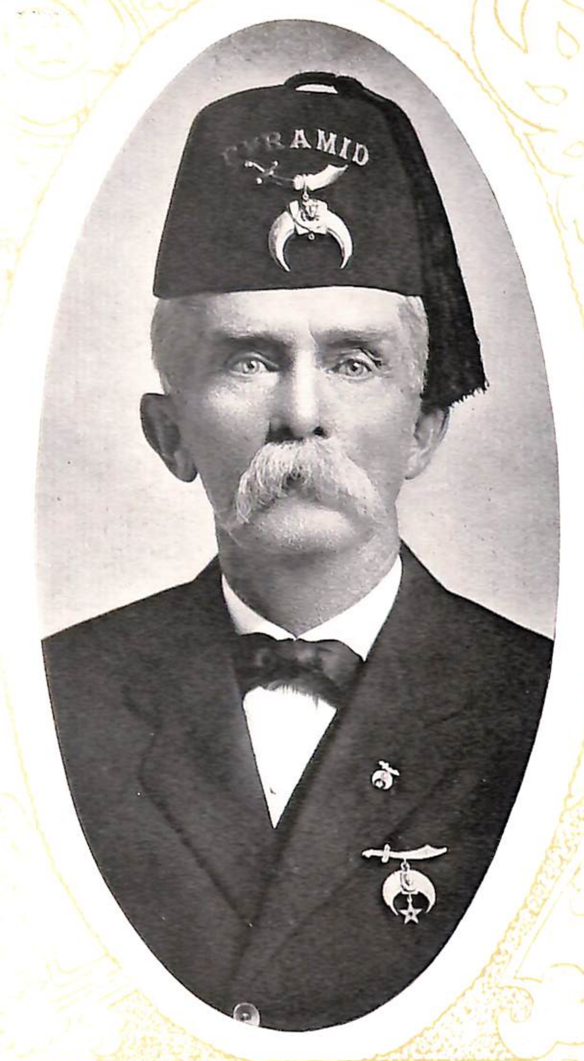
A 32° Mason of Meriden, and proprietor of a paper box manufactory which he established in 1862, was born in Hebron, Conn., January 29, 1845, and attended the public schools in his native State, and Guilford Institute, from which he graduated in 1860. His father was the Rev. Edgar J. Doolittle of New Haven, and his mother, Jane E. Sage Doolittle of Middletown. His first marriage, in November 13, 1867, was to Martha W. Couch of Meriden, leaving at her demise a daughter, Dorothy. His present wife was Mrs. Adelaide S. Davis, also of Meriden, to whom he was married April 6, 1910. They attend the Congregational Church. Pyramid Temple exemplified the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine on him, June 6, 1887, his membership in that illustrious body being 269. His Masonic qualification was attained in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., of which he was commander for three years; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Home, Colonial and Highland Clubs, and, in political matters, acts with the Republican party. From 1880 to 1885, he was mayor of Meriden, and a state senator in 1886. He was appointed by Governor Abiram Chamberlain one of the Connecticut Commissioners to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held at St. Louis in 1904; also appointed by Governor Frank B. Weeks a member of the Connecticut State Board of Railroad Commissioners in 1909, for the term expiring September 9, 1911. His box factory is located at 31 Camp Street, and his residence at 285 Colony Street.

WINFIELD S. HUSON

General superintendent of The Whitlock Printing Press Manufacturing Company of Derby, Conn., received his York Rite degrees in Masonry in Alfred Baylies Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Taunton, Mass.; King Solomon Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., Derby, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Subsequently, on June 6, 1907, he was granted admission to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., his enrollment therein being 2053. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. As a Republican he served his city as alderman during the years 1907-09, and is a member of the local Board of Trade. His business interests have ever been closely identified with engineering, and he has been a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for many years. Noble Huson is American by birth, having been born in New York City on February 23, 1860, and educated in its schools and in Cooper Institute. His father, William Huson, was a Londoner, as was his mother, Maria Lewis Huson. He was married June 4, 1883, to Mary F. Van Ranst of New York City. Their children are Horace L., Lois M. and Edith V. His residence is in Derby.

FRITZ JULIUS SWANSON, D. D. S.

Since 1897 engaged in the practice of dentistry, and from 1904 a dental surgeon in Ansonia, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, his enrollment therein being 2140. Preparatory to his admission to the Shrine, his Masonic connections were made with the following bodies: George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter, both in Ansonia; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., in Derby, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°, of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and the Order of the Eastern Star in Martha Washington Lodge of Ansonia, of which he is a past patron. His club memberships include the Manufacturers' of Ansonia, the Hyland Golf Links of Shelton, the Derby Board of Trade; Connecticut State Dental Association; Alumni Chapter of the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity. Noble Swanson was born in Calmar, Sweden, December 10, 1875; was educated in private schools of his native city, graduating from University of Calmar in 1893. His parents are Carl and Matilda Swanson, both of Swedish birth. On April 18, 1900, he was married in New York City, to Ida E. Helgeson of Skane, Sweden. They have a daughter and a son: Siri Katherine, born June 12, 1902, and Fritz J., Jr., February 2, 1901. Their religious affiliations and those of his parents, are Episcopalian. Golf is his favorite pastime, and his preference in reading is science. His residence is located in New York City, 600 West 163rd Street.



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FREDERICK C. HYDE

Inducted into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on April 25, 1904, and enrolled therein as 1747, is past master of Annawon Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest of Joseph Andrew Chapter No. 46, R. A. M.; past thrice illustrious master of Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and second guard in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His A. A. S. R. degrees were conferred by E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, in which he is a senior warden; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar Club, and is a past patron of Golden Rod Lodge No. 34 of the Eastern Star, in West Haven. He is a Republican, and was a representative from the town of Orange in 1909, and burgess for West Haven in 1906. Noble Hyde was born in Middletown, Conn., February 29, 1864, and received a public school education in West Haven. His parents are James Crampton and Sarah Jane (Martin) Hyde. On April 7, 1887, he was united in marriage in Clay Center, Kas., with Emma Bellinger of that place, and they have two children: Charlotte Jane and Arunah Crampton. In religious belief they are Congregationalists. Hunting is his favorite diversion. His business address is the West Haven Buckle Factory, with which he has been connected since 1889. He resides at 429 Union Avenue, West Haven.

ABRAM EDWARD MACK

A York Rite Mason of New Haven, and qualified in St. Albans Lodge, A F. & A. M., of Guilford, from which he was dimitted to join Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1554. He served five years in Company A, Connecticut Light Artillery, at Guilford, and is a retired member of the Governor's Foot Guard. Noble Mack was born in Wethersfield, Conn., January 21, 1851, and attended the public schools in Hartford and New Haven. He was the fifth of ten children of Henry Lord and Sarah B. Skaats Mack. He has been married three times: His first wife having been Ida Shipman of Hartford, the second, Hattie May Spohr of New Haven, and the third, Augusta D. Langer of New Haven. His two children of the second marriage are Philip Spohr and Ida Shipman. Fishing is his favorite sport. He was an apprentice under Theodore Blackman, a harness-maker, until 1872, when he went West, where he was four years a butcher. Returning East, he engaged in his present business of harness and saddle manufacturing twenty-nine years ago, at 26 George Street, New Haven. His residence is 108 East Pearl Street.

HENRY F. PARROTT

Second ceremonial master and an Arab in Pyramid Temple, was admitted to the nobility of that illustrious body in the class of December 2, 1902, his membership card bearing No. 1590. He is a 32° Mason; a member of Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, first tenor in the quartette of his A. A. S. R. bodies, and in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, in which he was knighted, is senior warden. Sea Side Club also claims him as a member, likewise the Sons of the American Revolution. He was born in Bridgeport, June 7, 1874, and attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from its high school in 1892. His parents were William Henry and Nelly Jane Hubbell Parrott. On January 25, 1899, his marriage to Lizzie May Wheeler of Long Hill, daughter of Marcus O. and Susan E. Beardsley Wheeler, was celebrated in Bridgeport. Their son, Henry Wheeler, was born August 16, 1905. Noble Parrott's religious affiliations are both Congregational and Episcopalian. He is fond of hunting, fishing and autoing, and his residence is at 25 Washington Avenue, Bridgeport. For the past nineteen years he has been general bookkeeper and assistant receiving teller of the First Bridgeport National Bank, Bridgeport.

JOHN W. LADD

A 32° Mason of New Haven, holds Masonic membership in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. The A. A. S. R. degrees were received from New Haven bodies, and Lafayette, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, conferred his consistorial degree. Through the medium of his consistory he was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 22, 1897, and was therein enrolled 1234. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar, Masonic and Union League Clubs of New Haven and the Branford Yacht Club, and is a charter member of Lodge No. 25 of the B. P. O. Elks, and of Hillhouse Council No. 1025, Royal Arcanum; also of City Lodge No. 36 of the I. O. O. F., all in New Haven. Noble Ladd was born in Plainfield, Conn., March 30, 1860, and attended public and private schools in Hartford and Springfield, Mass. His parents, Samuel A. and Mary E. Matteson, were both natives of Rhode Island. He was married in Hartford, on December 3, 1891, to Mabel Carmichael of Southport, Eng. They have one son, Samuel Arnold, and one daughter, Rhoda Sefton, both of whom are members of the choir in the Branford Episcopal Church, of which the family are members. Since 1898 he has been a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard of Connecticut, and holds rank of sergeant in same. In 1878 he became connected with the Bell Telephone business, and for the past twenty years has held the position of superintendent of plant of The Southern New England Telephone Company in Connecticut, at 114 Court Street, New Haven. His residence is at Short Beach, Conn.

CHARLES EDWARD GRAHAM

A 32° Mason of the Scottish Rite, and affiliated with Annawon Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., also received the Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies, and his thirty-second from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on October 26, 1891, with enrollment 741. Noble Graham's business connections are president and treasurer of the West Haven Manufacturing Company; president of the Wire Novelty Manufacturing Company of that place; one of the brass foundry firm of the James Graham and Company of New Haven; also secretary of the New Haven Times-Leader Company, and vice president and treasurer of the J. H. Bunnell and Company of New York. He is an active Republican, having served as representative to the House in 1897, and in 1903 as state senator from the Seventh District. His social interests are almost as numerous as his business enterprises, being a member of the New Haven, Union League and Phoenix Clubs. Noble Graham was born in Branford, Conn., February 9, 1858, the son of James and Maria Foote Graham. His father was a native of Albany, N. Y., and his mother formerly had her home in Branford. Noble Graham received his early education in New Haven, and later, attended the Russell School of New Haven, and Williston Seminary of East Hampton, Mass. In West Haven, October 19, 1881, he was married to Hattie A. Marsh of that town. They have one child, Marguerite M., and they reside at 190 Elm Street, West Haven, while his business address is 293 Wooster Street, New Haven, with James Graham and Company.

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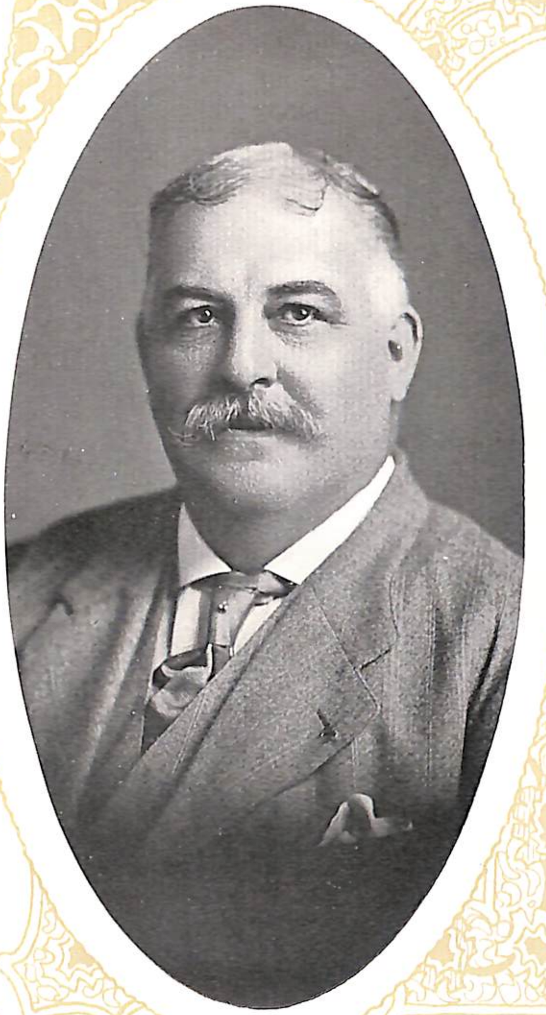

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ISAAC M. HUBBARD

Of Greenwich, Conn., was born there, August 8, 1877, and received an education in the public schools and academy of his home town. His parents, both Methodists, were Henry S. and Isabelle Jane Wallace Hubbard. He was married in East Port Chester, October 15, 1898, to Alice M. Palmer of that place, daughter of DeWitt Clinton and Elizabeth Steager Palmer. They have two sons: Henry DeWitt, born July 22, 1900, and Lloyd Isaac, July 24, 1903. Their daughter, Mildred Isabelle, born January 27, 1907, passed away November 12, 1910. Both Noble and Mrs. Hubbard are members of the Methodist Church.

He was admitted to the nobility in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, through the medium of Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, with Shrine number 2237. Masonically, his lodge is Acacia No. 85, A. F. & A. M., which he served as senior steward in 1909, receiving his capitular degrees in Rittenhouse Royal Arch Chapter No. 11, and his cryptic degrees in Washington Council No. 6, Royal and Select Masters. His other fraternities are: the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 68; Royal Arcanum, Nutmeg Council No. 1683, and Foresters of America, Court General Putnam No. 110. He is also captain of Pine Company No. 30, U. R. K. of P., and foreman of the Amogerom H. L. & H. Company, No. 1; also president of the Master Plumbers' Association of Greenwich. His qualifications as a master plumber date from March 16, 1904, and as a journeyman plumber, from April 1, 1893. He carries on the work of plumbing, tinning and heating from 71 Arch Street, Greenwich; has been a grand juror from 1909 to the present time; is at present borough assessor, and resides at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Locust Street.

WILLIAM COLLINS

Received his Masonic York Rite degrees from Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. He was subsequently enrolled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1905, with enrollment 1835. He also holds membership with the Knights of Pythias, in Myrtle Lodge No. 4 of Meriden; with the New England Order of Protection, in the Royal Arcanum in Meriden and in Pilgrim Harbor Lodge No. 543. Both his father, Michael, and his mother, Katherine Gaines Collins, were of Irish origin. Noble Collins was born in Meriden, Conn., August 27, 1852. He was married to Effie L. Wright, daughter of William and Sarah J. Powers Wright of Nashua, N. H., their marriage having been celebrated on May 22, 1878. They have two sons: Lester W., born February 14, 1879, and Percy E., June 27, 1883. Noble Collins is much interested in rifle-shooting as a pastime, and was a lieutenant in Company I of Meriden, in the Connecticut National Guard. He served his city as mayor pro tem in 1894; also as a member of the Council; on the Board of Aldermen, and chairman of the Police Committee. His business connection since 1869 has been with the International Silver Company of Meriden, and he resides at 152 Crown Street, Meriden.

GEORGE S. HILL

President of the Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was admitted to the nobility of that body, on May 5, 1905, with enrollment 1842. His Masonic connections embrace membership in both York and Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also president of the Algonquin Club, and a member of the Calumet and Brooklawn Country Clubs. Autoing and golf are his favorite pastimes. His first business experience of five years from 1886, was as billing clerk for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, in their Bridgeport office. He has been connected with the Warner Brothers Company of 325 Lafayette Street, Bridgeport, for the past twenty years, and from 1896 has been manager of their accessory department. He resides at 63 Laurel Avenue, Bridgeport.

HENRY AUGUST WILLIAM PRAGEMANN

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 28, 1893, with enrollment 951, is Masonically affiliated with Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; is a past thrice illustrous master of Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; a member of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T.; of E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council of Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also a member of Meriden Lodge No. 35 of the Brotherhood of Protective Order of Elks; of the German Mutual Aid Society, and is a member of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Parish. Noble Pragemann was born in Meriden, Conn., August 20, 1864, the son of August and Eva Berker Pragemann, both of German birth and ancestry. He was married on October 25, 1906, to Emma F., daughter of James P. and B. Helen Riley Ryan. He entered the employ of The Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Company of Meriden, on March 1, 1880, and has been paymaster for that concern since February, 1887. He resides at 52 Cook Avenue, Meriden.

DANIEL J. OSBORNE

Born in New Milford, Conn., September 3, 1865, he there attained a public school education. His father was S. C. Osborne of New Milford, and his mother Mary E. Cruise, native of England. His temple in the Shrine is Pyramid No. 8, oasis of Bridgeport. To gain admission thereto and receive the coveted blessings of Allah, he crossed the burning sands, and the hardships encountered were more than recompensed in his initiation into its mysteries on May 5, 1903, when he was enrolled as No. 1661. In Freemasonry, his blue lodge is Union No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; his chapter, Eureka No. 23, R. A. M.; his council, Wooster No. 28, R. & S. M., and his commandery, Crusader No. 10, K. T. He also holds membership in Wooster Club; is an Episcopalian; enjoys all outdoor sports, and is skilled as a hatter, having been with the Lee Hat Company of Danbury from 1899 to 1906; with H. McLaughlin, 1906-10, and from 1910 under the combined firm of Lee & McLaughlin of Danbury. He resides at 17 West Street, Danbury.

LUMAN R. LONG

Joined in succession Continental Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M., in Waterbury; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 42; Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M.; Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T.; Doric Lodge of Perfection; Ionic Council, P. of J., and Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix, while since May 24, 1886, he has been a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., privileged in seeing it grow from a membership of less than two hundred to more than two thousand in the past two and a half decades of his membership in that illustrious body.

His business is that of clerk for the Smith and Griggs Manufacturing Company, South Main Street, Waterbury. He was formerly with the Barlow Bros., and with Samuel Booth, both in the plumbing line in Waterbury.

Noble Long was born in Marion, Conn., September 22, 1854, receiving an education in the public schools of Windsor, Vt.; Winchendon, Mass., and Cleveland, O. His father is Joseph C. Long, of Welsh nativity, and his mother was Sarah N. Lewis Long, also of Marion. Hunting, fishing, and all outdoor sports are much enjoyed by him. He resides in Waterbury, at 174 Prospect Street.

His Shrine number is 194.

Isaac M. Hubbard

Wm Collins

PATROL
PYRAMID

Geo. S. Hill

Henry A H Pragemann

Daniel J. Osborne

HERBERT R. McCHESNEY

Secretary and treasurer of The Danbury Company, was born in Orange, N. J., July 2, 1863, son of Warren and Mary A. McChesney. His father is a native of Orange, and his mother was of same nativity. He was married in Hartford, Conn., June 11, 1901, to June Keeler, daughter of John P. and Eliza Mead Keeler of Ridgebury. They have one child, Donald W., born April 23, 1902. Noble McChesney entered the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on May 5, 1903, his membership therein being 1659. His several Masonic affiliations are with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is a member of the Danbury Club. His business address is 5 Chestnut Street, and he resides at 6 Downs Street, Danbury.

WILLIAM BENNETT STURGES

Admitted to the rank of noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 13, 1909, with enrollment 2246, received his York Rite degrees in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., where he is a senior deacon; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has likewise received the A. A. S. R. degrees, and was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is also enrolled in the Masonic and Knights Templar Clubs of New Haven. Noble Sturges was born in Orange, Conn., July 10, 1879, and there and in Milford received a public school education. His parents are Austin and Emma (Bennett) Sturges. Boating is his favorite outdoor recreation. From 1899 he has been connected with the H. G. Thompson and Son Company, 492 State Street, New Haven, and he resides at 69 Kensington Street, same city.

WALES TERRELL

Entered the Unseen Temple December 17, 1910. He first saw Masonic light in Hiram Lodge No. 1, of New Haven, transferred therefrom to King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., of Derby. In 1856, when George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., was instituted, he became a charter member of same. His capitular degrees were conferred in Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35; his cryptic degrees in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., of Derby, and he was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were also conferred by the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Terrell first saw the light of day on October 29, 1826, in Bethany, Conn. He was the son of Truman and Hannah Lines Terrell, his paternal ancestors having been among the first settlers of New England. At the age of seventeen he was apprenticed to Burr Nash of New Haven, to learn the blacksmith's trade, and in the year 1849, located at Derby, where he pursued a general line of blacksmithing and carriage building. On October 25, 1851, he was married to Julia Irene Barbour, daughter of Luke Barbour of Simsbury, Conn. She, too, has passed away. Five children were born to them: May Elizabeth, who passed onward in infancy; the late Arthur Wales, and Florence Elizabeth, who was the late Mrs. F. E. Howard; while Lucius Barbour and Alton Truman Terrell, alone of his children remain. On August 6, 1862, Mr. Terrell enlisted in Company B, 20th Conn. V. I., and on the 8th of the same month was mustered into the United States service as private, and promoted to corporal, and on May 4, 1864, was made sergeant. The 20th was a three years' regiment, recruited under call of June, 1862, of the President, for 300,000 men; and went out under Col. Ross, Lieut. William B Wooster and Major Buckingham. They soon formed a part of the 12th corps, Army of the Potomac, and were under Gen. Hooker, and later, under Gen. Meade. The regiment participated in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, the 12th corps in the latter engagement occupying the extreme right of the Federal line at Culp's Hill, Gen. Williams in command.

The corps held Ewell's corps at bay for seven hours, finally driving them back with heavy loss. In the fall of 1863, the 12th corps joined the Army of the Cumberland at Chattanooga, and that winter was mainly in Tennessee. A year later, in the fall of 1864, the 11th and 12th corps were formed into the 20th corps, and in it the 20th regiment remained until the close of the war, forming a part of Gen. Sherman's army.

The 20th distinguished itself at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, and was at the siege of Atlanta. It later moved through Atlanta, Georgia, to Savannah, and South Carolina, and to and from there, to North Carolina, finally participating in the grand review at Washington, and was mustered out of the service, June 13, 1865, at Fort Lincoln, on the Bladensburg Road. The engagements in which the 20th participated were: Chancellorsville, Va., May 3, 1863; Gettysburg, Penn., July 3, 1863; Tracy City, Tenn., May 9, 1864; Peach Tree Creek, Ga., July 20, 1864; siege of Atlanta, Ga., July 21, to August 7, 1864; Silver Run, N. C., March 15, 1865; Bentonville, N. C., March 19, 1865, and Raleigh, N. C., April 13, 1865.

Wales Terrell bore an honorable part from start to finish with his company, and returned home at the close of the war with an honorable record. On May 4, 1864, he was promoted to sergeant, and was mustered out with his company and regiment, June 13, 1865. Returning from the service, he made his home in Ansonia and Derby, where he had an honorable business career and was a useful citizen.

On returning to civil life, Mr. Terrell entered into co-partnership with Darius Wilcox, engaging in the carriage hardware and file business for several years, under the firm name of Terrell & Wilcox, and later as Wales Terrell. Later he was associated with E. Frank Sperry, under the name of Terrell & Sperry, they continuing some years together, when Mr. Terrell withdrew and engaged with his son, Lucius B. Terrell, in the insurance and real estate business, under the firm name of Wales Terrell & Son. Noble Terrell was one of the city's best-known men, and although he had never held any public office, few men were more favorably known. The departed noble made his residence for some years prior to his demise with his son, Alton T. Terrell, whose home is at 77 Atwater Avenue, Derby.

ANDREW F. WYLIE

Life member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was therein created a noble of the Mystic Shrine on January 27, 1890, with enrollment 464. Masonically he is affiliated with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Wylie was born in Utica, N. Y., June 30, 1855, and he there attended the public schools. His parents were Andrew and Eunice (Bright) Wylie, the former a native of Scotland, and the latter of Troy, Penn. He was married in New Haven, January 16, 1891, to Eva L. Griffin of that city. His favorite outdoor sports are hunting and fishing. For the past thirty-two years he has been proprietor of a crockery and glass business, located at 882 Chapel Street, New Haven. He is also a resident of New Haven, at 58 Whalley Avenue.

WILLETT HENRY SECOR

Received his first degrees in Masonry in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., was advanced to Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24, and knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. Subsequently he became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December 18, 1906, his enrollment in that body being 2029. Norwalk, Conn., was the place of his birth on September 11, 1871, and he has followed the occupation of a carpenter since 1890.

H R McChesney

Wales Terrell

William B. Sturges

Andrew F. Wylie

Willett H. Secor

THOMAS SHARPE

Became a Shriner in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 25, 1891, with enrollment 684. His Masonic connections are with Monroe Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Forsythe, Ga.; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3, of Derby; Union Council No. 31, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is connected with the United Workmen, and with the Improved Order of Red Men in Nonnawauk Tribe; is a Republican, and was elected justice of the peace in Seymour, in 1884, and served that town as assessor, 1890-93, having also held various other offices. Noble Sharpe was born in Southford, Conn., October 28, 1834, and his parents were Lugrand and Olive M. (Booth) Sharpe, the former of Redding, and the latter of Southford. Noble Sharpe is a widower, and has one son, Dr. E. T. Sharpe. His wife was Charlotte M. McLoan. They were married in Ansonia, August 6, 1870. Noble Sharpe is a member of the Methodist Church, and was Sunday School superintendent for six years, and president of the Board of Trustees for four years. For forty-five years he was a contractor and builder in the Town of Seymour, but retired from active business in 1909. Fishing and boating are his favorite sports. He resides at Woodmont.

ARTHUR H. SENIOR

Of Bethel, was born in Morris, Litchfield Co., Conn., April 2, 1857, the son of William C. Senior, of English birth, and Catherine Wheeler Senior, native of Redding. He attended the public schools in Woodbury. October 4, 1885, he was married in Bethel to Evana M. Benedict, daughter of Gad and Delia Toucey Benedict of Newtown. They have one son, Harold B., born Christmas Day, 1886. Lumber dealing and contracting have claimed his attention since 1884.

He first united with Masonry in King Solomon Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., in Woodbury, then took degrees in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. Subsequently, on May 5, 1890, he was admitted to membership in Pyramid Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment number being 489.

In matters of religion, he is a Congregationalist; his favorite sports are hunting, fishing, riding and driving, and in reading his preference is history.

HENRY H. GLADDING, C. E.

Received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 14, 1898, and therein enrolled 1294, is a 32° Mason, and holds membership in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., in which he is a past high priest; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., being a past thrice illustrious master; New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar; in the several Scottish Rite bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and with the American Society of Civil Engineers. Noble Gladding was born in New Haven, Conn., April 27, 1857, the son of Henry and Harriet E. Holbrook Gladding, the former of New Haven and the latter of Goshen. He received an education in the public schools of his native city, Carleton College of Northfield, Minn., and Yale Sheffield Scientific School. He also took a post graduate course in civil engineering at Yale. His marriage to Mary F. Bradley of South Britain was solemnized in 1880. They have two children: Mrs. R. S. Baldwin, and Daniel H. Noble Gladding has been assistant city engineer from 1881. He is an attendant at the Plymouth Congregational Church, and his favorite pastimes are photography and microscopy. His business address is 18 City Hall, New Haven, and he resides in New Haven, at 30 Stanley Street.

DAVID W. JOHNSTON, D. D. S.

Created a noble of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, with enrollment 2163, is Masonically connected with Widow's Son Lodge No. 66, A. F. & A. M., of Branford; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Johnston was born in Lakewood, N. J., on September 16, 1866, and received an education in the public schools, graduating from the high school of that place. His parents were Alfred and Julia Wainwright Johnston. He was united in marriage with Eunice A. Isbell, in Branford, November 12, 1896. They have three children: Wainwright, Eunice Ethelyn and Winston. They are attendants at the Congregational Church. His favorite recreations are boating, yachting, and golf. He is an ex-member of the Governor's Foot Guard. Dr. Johnston has been engaged in the practice of his profession of dental surgery since 1891. He has his office and resides at 193 Church Street, New Haven.

THOMAS L. BARTHOLOMEW

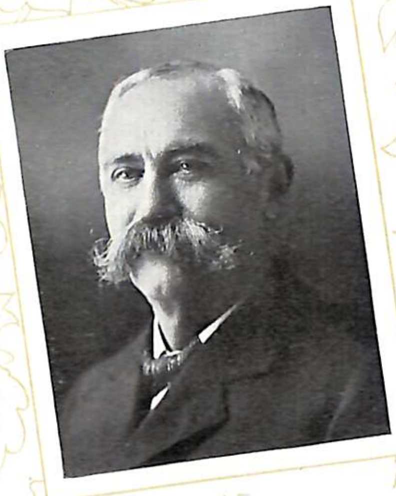
Received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., oasis of Bridgeport, on October 26, 1885, his enrollment therein being 146, is a 32° Mason, attached as follows: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, all in Bridgeport. He is also a past senior vice department commander of the Connecticut G. A. R., and past assistant adjutant general; a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America; is actively engaged as treasurer of the Mutual Life Insurance Association of Bridgeport, and as auditor of the Connecticut Soldiers' Home, having formerly been its treasurer, and was cashier of the City National Bank of Bridgeport. Noble Bartholomew was born in New York City, January 23, 1840, and there received an education, making a special study of music. His parents were Livingston S. and Emeline Waterbury, the former of New York City, and the latter of Stamford. He was married in New York City, March 29, 1862, to Sarah A. Bloomer of Morrisania, N. Y., daughter of Anderson and Johanna Pessinger Bloomer. They have one son, Francis A., born February 13, 1864, and are attendants at the South Congregational Church. During the Civil War he was assistant adjutant-general of the 1st Brigade, 3d Division, 9th Army Corps. His home is at 321 Beechwood Avenue, Bridgeport.

ROBERT FITCH BURWELL, D. D. S.

Life member in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was therein enrolled No 995, on May 18, 1894. His York Rite Masonic degrees were conferred by Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is, likewise, connected with the Scottish Rite bodies of New Haven and with Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport, and holds membership in the Knights Templar Club, with the New Haven Grays, and the Governor's Foot Guard. He is also a past member of the Golden Eagles; of the New Haven Gun Club; the Quinnipiack Club; the Dental Society of New Haven, and the State Dental Association. Noble Burwell was born in New Haven, Conn., August 11, 1848, receiving an education in public and private schools of his native city. His parents were Charles B. and Harriet Gray Burwell, the former of Old Milford, and the latter of Point Pleasant, W. Va. Hunting is his favorite outdoor sport. In 1908 Dr. Burwell retired from professional life having practiced dental surgery in New Haven for about thirty-five years. He resides at 825 Quinnipiac Avenue, New Haven.

CHARLES PRIEST HALL, B. D.

Was born in Troy, N. Y., June 22, 1866. He received the ordinary education of the public schools of that city, and in the fall of 1885, entered the Divinity School of Tufts College, from which he received the degree of B. D. On October 16, 1890, he married Ella Martha Wilcox of Little Falls, N. Y. They have four children living: Frank Wilcox; Martha Grace, Charles Priest, Jr., and Gordon Miller, a son, Harold George, having died in infancy. Noble Hall is a clergyman of the Universalist Church, and has held pastorates at Oneonta, N. Y.; Huntington, N. Y.; Baltimore, Md.; Danbury, Conn.; Brewton, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla., where he now resides. While in Danbury, Noble Hall was very prominent in its local affairs, being a member of the High School Committee, president of the People's Reform Union, and interested in all public affairs, and one of the Board of School Visitors. A Mason since his majority, he is a member of Oneonta Lodge No. 466, Oneonta Chapter No. 277, and was eminent commander of Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, during his residence in Danbury. Removing to Alabama, he was dimitted to Brewston Commandery, Knights Templar, and was elected to membership in the Grand Commandery of Alabama, being made grand sword bearer thereof, and was prominent in Templar work while residing in that State. While in Connecticut, Noble Hall served as chaplain of the Fourth Infantry of the Connecticut National Guard. Most of his life previous to entering the ministry was spent in his birthplace. He is descended on both sides from the early settlers of New England, one line reaching back to Degory Priest of the Mayflower, and the other to Widow Mary Hall of Cambridge, and her son, John Hall who later settled in Medford, Mass. He is a member of the Connecticut Chapter of Sons of the Revolution. In 1909 he resigned his parish in Pensacola, Fla., to accept the general secretaryship of the Associated Charities, which position he now holds. He was admitted to the ranks of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on April 29, 1902, with enrollment 1503. His business address is 325 Brent Building, Pensacola, Fla.



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15. I. W. BISHOP
16. F. E. BENHAM

PROF. WILLIAM E. CHANDLER

A prominent musician and instructor of singing for many years, in New Haven, has been a member of Pyramid Temple since February 28, 1907, with enrollment 2045. He entered Masonry in Worcester Lodge No. 28, A. F. & A. M.; passed the royal arch in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; entered the ninth arch in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and was received as a Knight Templar in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He was a native of Longmeadow, Mass., but at the age of five his parents moved to Monson, Mass. At fifteen Prof. Chandler was compelled, by ill health, to abandon a preparatory course for entrance to Yale, and later took up the study of music, including singing, piano and organ playing under eminent teachers. He lived in Worcester, Mass., until 1870, studying and also teaching, when he became organist and choir director of the Chapel Street Congregational Church, afterwards the Church of the Redeemer in New Haven, remaining there fourteen years. This was followed by a seven year's engagement at the College Street Church, since which time he has devoted his time to private teaching. Prof. Chandler has organized and drilled many large choruses, notably his Peace Jubilee Choir of one hundred voices, and his New Haven Chorus of one hundred voices, which, with an orchestra of thirty-six pieces, under his leadership, gave dramatic works for three successive seasons, netting over $3,000 for New Haven charities. For about fifteen years, Prof. Chandler was instructor of music in the Hopkins Grammar School of New Haven. In many other ways he has been a useful and active citizen of New Haven, and his influence for good has ever been felt.

GEORGE L. CHAFFEE

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason, of New London, and past master in his blue lodge, Brainard No. 102, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest in Union Chapter No. 6, R. A. M.; member of the Order of Priesthood; past thrice illustrious master in Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M.; a member of Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T.; of King Solomon Lodge of Perfection; Van Rensselaer Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and Norwich Consistory, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, on December 2, 1902, with membership 1577. Noble Chaffee is a native of Stafford, Conn., and was born March 15, 1856, and there, too, educated. His father is Lewis Chaffee of Monson, Mass., and his mother was Emeline Adams Chaffee of same nativity. He was first married in 1881, to Theresa A. Colburn of Stafford, and his present wife, to whom he was married in 1909, was Ethel F. Tucker of Somerville, Mass. Noble Chaffee is a member of the Harbour Club, and his residence is at 263 Montauk Avenue. For the past twenty years, from 1891, he has filled the post of superintendent for the D. E. Whiton Machine Company, located at 190 Howard Street, New London.

ENOCH WHITE

An initiate in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of April 25, 1904, and therein enrolled as No. 1750. His York Rite Masonic degrees were conferred by Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees by E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of Olivet Chapter No. 29, of Order of Eastern Star; Olive Court No. 7, in the Order of Amaranth. He is past president of Red Cross Lodge No. 162, Order Sons of St. George; past chief ranger of Court of City of Elms; Camp No. 5933 of Ancient Order of Foresters; past president of Past Chief Rangers' Association; past chief ranger of Court Columbia, of Foresters of America; also member of the Loyal Order of Moose, in New Britain Lodge, No. 183. Noble White was born in Hales Owen, Eng., on June 3, 1866, where he attended the national school. His parents were Eli and Mary Ann Baker White, both of Hales Owen. He was married in New Haven, on May 1, 1888, to Emily Redall, native of Walsall, Eng. They have three children: Elizabeth Emily, born January 23, 1891; Lillian Jessie, December 14, 1894, and Nellie Redall, May 12, 1901. He is a Methodist, as were his parents, Mrs. White being an adherent of the Episcopal faith. They reside in Plainville on Hough Street. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes. For two years he was with the Andrew B. Hendrys Company, and eight years prior to that with Peck Brothers and Company of New Haven, and since 1899 he has been connected with the Elm City Brass and Rivet Company of Plainville.

GEORGE W. ANDREW

A 32° Mason of Naugatuck, is affiliated with Shepherd Lodge No. 78, A. F. & A. M., in Naugatuck; Allerton R. A. Chapter No. 39; Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M.; Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., and the several Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory. He is, too, a Knight of Pythias in Naugatuck Lodge; a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen; of the New England Order of Protection; Independent Order of Foresters; the Heptasophs; Red Men; Haymakers, and Woodmen of America. His business, since 1910, has been that of treasurer and general manager of the Risdon Tool and Machine Company, and prior to that for twenty-five years he was in the lumber and real estate business in Naugatuck. He has also served his town as superintendent of streets. Noble Andrew was born in Naugatuck, October 22, 1860, and received an education in its public schools, which was supplemented by a course in Yale Business College. His father was George Sidney Andrew, born in Orange, Conn., but from six years of age a resident of Naugatuck, and his mother, Harriet L. Scott Andrew, native of Long Meadow, Mass. He was married December 13, 1882, to Mary A. Gillette of Prospect, Conn., and they have eleven children: Alvin G., Leroy S., Ruby, George S., Margaret, Treat P., Caroline, Samuel N., Walter S., Priscilla, and Franklin B. He conducts the business of his company on Canal Street, Waterbury, and resides in Naugatuck.

WILLIAM A. RUSSELL

Enrolled as No. 1714, in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 1, 1903, was Masonically qualified in Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, R. A. M., having been its high priest; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He also holds membership in Harmony Lodge No. 5 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in New Haven, and in Sassacus Encampment No. 1, in Wilmot Lodge No. 5 of the Knights of Pythias, in West Haven, in one of which bodies he has filled all the chairs, and is a member of the American Mechanics' Association in Washington Lodge No. 5, New Haven. For eight years, 1900-08, he served as third selectman for the town of Orange. Born in Bethany, Conn., June 6, 1845, Noble Russell was the son of Slytes S. and Susan Andrew Russell of same nativity. He received an education in the public schools of Orange, and on April 6, 1869, was married in New Haven, to Jane I. Bradley of Hamden. They have two children: Fred A. and Elford B. Fishing is greatly enjoyed by Noble Russell, and in reading his interest is general. He started in the blacksmith trade in Orange, with Stephen D. Russell, for whom he worked two years, after which he was employed by John Downs in Bethany, for two and a half years, next entering the employ of Perry, Northrop and Brogam, with whom he remained until 1870, when he began business for himself on Union Avenue, West Haven. He resides in West Haven, at 754 Washington Avenue.

JOHN T. MANSON

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple No. 8, of the Ancient Arabic Order, on May 18, 1893, with enrollment 928, bears Masonic allegiance to Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Quinnipiack Club; the Union League, and the New Haven Country Club. Noble Manson is a Republican, and was four years a member of the Board of Education; has served as harbor commissioner for several years. He is president of the firm of Benedict Downs and Company, having been so appointed in 1908; is also president of the Yale National Bank of New Haven, from 1904, and director in the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York. Noble Manson was born in New Haven, Conn., August 30, 1861, and there received a public school education. His parents were Magnus and Margaret R. (Mowatt) Manson, both of Scottish birth. He was married in Philadelphia, Penn., on January 15, 1908, to Mrs. Frank W. Benedict of New Haven. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Golf is his favorite pastime. His business address is Yale National Bank, New Haven. He resides at 52 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven.

ISAAC W. BISHOP

Born in Stamford, Conn., March 23, 1842, passed away on June 9, 1911. He was educated in the schools of Stamford. His parents were Frederick and Hannah Jane (Wardwell) Bishop, also natives of Stamford. He was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Louise Hull of New Haven, on February 14, 1871. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church of New Haven. Floriculture, particularly of the new and choice varieties of dahlia, and gardening, afforded him a most agreeable pastime. His residence for fifteen years was at 355 Orchard Street, New Haven, where his widow resides. The lamented noble was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, and was therein enrolled as 1165. His York Rite degrees were conferred by Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees came from E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He was also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and at one time of the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard; was a Grand Army man, and served four years and four months in the Civil War. The United States Government promised him with some others, a gold medal for volunteering to storm Port Hudson. The company trained several times for the attack, which would mean almost sure death, but they were finally asked not to make the attack.

GEORGE S. RAYMOND

Senior warden in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., past high priest in Washington Royal Arch Chapter No 24, also past treasurer in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., was admitted to Pyramid Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on December 18, 1906, his enrollment number in that illustrious body being 2023.

Since 1901, he has been teller in the Central National Bank of Norwalk. Noble Raymond was born in his home city, April 7, 1884, and there received an education, graduating from the high school in 1901. His father was George W. Raymond of Norwalk, and his mother, a native of New Cannan, was originally Philena S. Selleck. Noble Raymond is a member of the Methodist Church. His favorite pastime is autoing, and he holds membership in the Norwalk and the Norwalk Country Clubs. He resides in Norwalk, at 17 Union Place.

GEORGE H. SCRANTON

President of the Board of Trade of Derby and Shelton, and president of the Ansonia, Derby and Shelton Business Men's Association, also secretary of the Derby Gas Company, and secretary of the Birmingham Water Company, has been connected with both companies since 1883. He is, too, a member of the Shelton Business Association. His Masonic connections are with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. A. & A. M.; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3; Union Council No. 17, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., subsequently gaining admission to the Order of the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid Temple, on August 8, 1895, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 1113. His other fraternal affiliations are with the Odd Fellows, in Housatonic Lodge No. 6; Excelsior Encampment No. 18, in Derby; Mohegan Council of the Royal Arcanum, in which he was for twelve years secretary, and the Loyal Association. Noble Scranton was born in Northford, Conn., May 28, 1861, and was educated in the public schools of that town, Wallingford, and Branford. His father was Harry W. Scranton, native of Madison, Conn. On September 16, 1885, he was married to Eleanora J. Stanley of Shelton. They have one son, Raymond B., and their religious affiliations are Congregational. His business address is Derby, Conn., and his home, at 278 Coram Avenue, Shelton.

PROF. RALPH A. McDONNELL, M. D.

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 1, 1905, with membership 1706. His Masonic affiliations are with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is, likewise, a member of the Knights Templar, Graduates' and Auto Clubs, all of New Haven, and has been president of the New Haven Medical Society, the New Haven County Medical Society, and the Yale Medical Alumni Association. Noble McDonnell is a professor of dermatology in the Yale Medical School, and entered upon the practice of his profession in 1892, having previously graduated from the Yale Medical School and its academic department. He was born in Topsham, Me., August 6, 1868, and was prepared for college in Newburgh Academy, Newburgh, N. Y. Yale University is his Alma Mater. His father was John A. McDonnell of Boston, Mass., and his mother is Valeria G. Dennett McDonnell. He was married in New Haven, August 4, 1892, to Lillian M. Washburn of that city. They have three children: Ralph E., Frank and Charles W., and are of Congregational faith. Sailing, automobiling and medical reading are his favorite pastimes. His address is 1142 Chapel Street, New Haven.

HENRY B. LEVI

A 32° A. A. S. R. Mason of Meriden, was born in that city, July 12, 1862, and attended the public schools of his native city, and later the General Russell Military Academy of New Haven. He was the son of Henry B. and Nancy R. Couch Levi. Among the outdoor sports, fishing, hunting and baseball are his favorites. He is interested in the manufacture of paper boxes, and for over thirty years, since 1880, has been connected with the E. J. Doolittle Company of Meriden. Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine received him as a noble on November 24, 1894, with enrollment 1025, he having been previously raised in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. His degrees of the A. A. S. R. came from the New Haven Scottish Rite bodies, and his consistorial degree, from Lafayette S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Home and Colonial Clubs. His business address is 31 Camp Street, Meriden, and his residence, 14 Platt Avenue.

WILLIS L. LINES

A 32° Mason and member of Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; the New Haven Scottish Rite bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport, was received into the A. A. O. N. M. S., through the Pyramid Temple body, on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1593. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Lines is a native of Mt. Carmel, Conn., and was born October 27, 1857, there receiving an education, which was followed by commercial training in New Haven. His parents were Clark R. Lines of Westville, and Elizabeth Cooper Lines, native of North Haven. On September 8, 1886, he was married to Rosabelle Frushour, in Boston, Mass., and his church affiliations are with the Congregatonalists, as were those of his parents. He began his business career in 1875, as a reporter for the New York Shipping and Commercial List, and in 1882 entered the employ of the Miller & Best Company of Boston over a quarter of a century ago, becoming secretary and treasurer of the Best Manufacturing Company of New Haven, which position he now fills. He is also president and treasurer of the Munson Factory & Power Company of New Haven, and has other real estate interests in that city and Iowa. He lives at 840 Elm Street, New Haven.

ROBERT W. KEELER

Received into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 27, 1899, with enrollment 1344, has York Rite degrees in Masonry, from Ark Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is a Republican in politics, and was chairman of the Republican Town Committee, from 1888 to 1900. Since 1884 he has conducted a general store in Wilton, and for twenty years from 1880, was tax collector and town poor agent of Wilton. He represented Wilton in the General Assembly, 1900-02. Noble Keeler was born in Wilton, Conn., on September 5, 1853, and is a graduate of Wilton Academy, class of 1868. His parents were LeGrand W. and Catherine L. Lockwood Keeler. He was married in Norwalk, on November 1, 1876, to Ruth Z. Raymond of that place, daughter of William M. and Sarah E. Thorpe Raymond. They have five children: Florence C., Alice R., Bessie L., Samuel, and Raymond, born respectively, November 9, 1877; February 18, 1880; January 2, 1884; November 2, 1888, and May 15, 1894. He is a Congregationalist, as were his parents, and Mrs. Keeler is a student of primitive Christianity. Their home is in Wilton.

FREDERICK N. SPERRY, M. D.

Born in the "City of Elms," on December 29, 1872, the son of Alfred N. and Lois E. Ryerson Sperry, was educated in the public schools of New Haven, and graduated in 1894 from the Yale Medical College. His marriage to Harriet B. Lum of New Haven, took place in that city, June 15, 1905. They have two children, Frederick Donald and Lois. He has been an ear, nose and throat specialist in New Haven since 1895, when he began his practice. He is instructor of laryngology in the Yale Medical School, also laryngologist of the New Haven Hospital. Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine received him as a noble on December 10, 1900, and enrolled him No. 1410. His York Rite Masonic degrees were received in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. The A. A. S. R. degrees have also been conferred on him; his consistorial degree having come from Lafayette S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is enrolled in the Knights Templar, Graduates' and New Haven Country Clubs. Noble Sperry resides at 33 College Street, New Haven.

NELSON CAMP JOHNSON

A York Rite Mason of Meriden, with affiliations in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. on December 18, 1906, with enrollment 2016. Noble Johnson was born in Portsmouth, O., December 12, 1879, and was educated in Connecticut. His earlier training was received in Meriden, his later technical work having been in Yale Scientific School of New Haven. His father was Sherman G. Johnson of Middletown, and his mother is Emily Savage Johnson of same nativity. He is a member of the Home and Highland Clubs, and resides at 54 Lincoln Street, Meriden. His business connection is in the manufacturing concern of the Foster, Merriam & Company, No. 31 Cross Street, Meriden, where he is a clerk.

ROBERT J. MERRIAM

Of Meriden, was born in Meriden, Conn., January 14, 1879, graduating in 1901 from the Wesleyan University in Middletown. His parents, both natives of Meriden, and Methodists, were Nelson C. and Rose Kingsley Merriam.

He became a member of the Pyramid Temple body of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on November 27, 1905, his membership being numbered 1909. He was previously affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & M.; Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 27; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. He is also a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, and of the Colonial and Home Clubs.

Since 1901 he has been with Foster, Merriam and Company, in several capacities, and is now treasurer of above company. His business address is 31 Cross Street, Meriden, and he resides at 100 Colony Street.

JOSEPH A. HODGSON

A York Rite Mason of New Haven, was born in Westerly, R. I., October 27, 1856, and received an education in the public schools of his native town, afterward taking a course in the Yale Business College. His father was Thomas Hodgson of England, and his mother is Sarah A. Dews Hodgson, also of England. He has been married twice: to his first wife, Laura L. Pomeroy of New Haven, on November 25, 1881, who left two children, Arthur E. and Ida L., and to his present wife, Alice A. Henshaw of New Haven, on November 17, 1909. Noble Hodgson is an adherent of the Methodist faith. He became a "Noble of the Mystic Shrine," in Pyramid Temple, on December 9, 1907, with enrollment 2154. His Masonic affiliations are in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Young Men's Republican Club. Noble Hodgson commenced in the drug business of A. B. Collins of Westerly, R. I., in 1870, and in 1876 he entered the employ of the C. W. Whittlesey Company, where he continued until 1880, going into the same line of business for himself. He is now the proprietor of two drug stores in New Haven, one at 196 Whalley Avenue, and the other at 1129 Chapel Street. His residence is at 8 University Place, New Haven.

EDWIN W. S. PICKETT

Entered Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., May 18, 1893, with enrollment 925. He received the requisite Masonic qualifications in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a 32° Scottish Rite Mason, with affliations in DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory.

Noble Pickett has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Fairfield and vicinity from 1905. Prior to that he was a dealer in general merchandise. Politically, also, a Republican, he served as postmaster of Fairfield for a term of twelve years, ending 1910.

Born in Ridgefield, Conn., March 9, 1861, the son of Edward D. and Sarah C. Harrington Pickett, he received an education in Massachusetts, and on June 22, 1886, was married in Hyde Park, N. Y., to Leonora Kelley of that place, daughter of George W. and Rachel Osborn Kelley. Their two daughters, Mabel and Rachel, were born, respectively, on August 7, 1888, and June 5, 1891. They attend the Congregational Church, and their residence is in Fairfield.

JAMES WARD BEECHER PORTER

Associated for twenty-seven years in the brass and silver-casting industry of the Scovill Manufacturing Company in Waterbury, entered the Unseen Temple, January 18, 1910. He was a 32° Mason, and was received in the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport, on November 26, 1894, with membership 1021. His Masonic degrees were attained in Harmony Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M., in Waterbury, where he was a past master; Eureka Chapter No. 22, R. A. M.; Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M.; Clark Commandery No 7, K. T., in which he had been a commander; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council of Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He, however, dimitted from the above A. A. S. R. bodies to become a charter member of Doric Lodge of Perfection, Ionic Council of P. of J., and Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix, all in Waterbury, and had served the latter as master elect, and as grand master. He was also affiliated with the Odd Fellows, in Nosahogan Lodge No. 21; with the Knights of Pythias, in Speedwell Lodge No. 10; the Improved Order of Red Men in Tunxis Tribe No. 10, and with the Elks in Lodge No. 265, and was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. The late lamented Noble Porter was a resident of Waterbury, where he was born June 12, 1853, and where, too, he received his education. His parents were James Porter of Waterbury, and Sophia Beecher Porter of Prospect, both Episcopalians. Their son, was also a member of that body. His wife, to whom he was married in New Haven, January 18, 1876, was Elizabeth Collins of Cambridge, Mass., daughter of John and Ellen C. Collins of New Brunswick, Can. The six children of their marriage are: John B., Fanny E., Nelly F., J. Ward, (Bessie S., who died in infancy), and Harry C.

I. NEWTON WADSWORTH

No. 664, in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., entered the ranks of the nobility in that illustrious body on May 25, 1891. He is grand tyler for both Grand Chapter and Grand Council. He received the York Rite degrees from Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a senior deacon; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., in which he is a tyler, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., which he also serves as tyler. He has received all of the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second, Lafayette being his home consistory. He is, too a member of the Knights Templar, Masonic, and Young Men's Republican Clubs of New Haven. Noble Wadsworth has been in the plumbing and tin business since 1876. He is a native of Weathersfield, Conn., the date of his birth being October 16, 1862. He received an education in the Joseph Guiles School, and also attended the public schools of Watertown. His parents were James Edward and Martha Jane Webster Wadsworth, both Congregationalists. He finds pleasure in reading works of a scientific nature. His business address and residence are both at 251 Elm Street, West Haven.

WILLIAM JACKSON HOWD

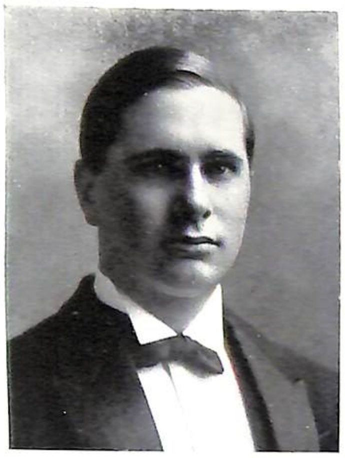
Inducted into the mysteries and nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1895, with enrollment No. 1046, has Masonic connections with Widow's Son Lodge No. 66, A. F. & A. M.; Halleck Chapter No. 44, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is, likewise, a member of Georgia Chapter No. 48, Order of the Eastern Star, and is a past noble grand in Sea Side Lodge No. 84, of the I. O. O. F. Noble Howd was born in Stony Creek, Conn., March 11, 1861, and received a public school and business college education. His parents were Richard A. and Sarah E. Chidsey Howd. Hunting, driving, and motoring are his favorite diversions. From May 2, 1893, to the present time, he has been in the Railway Postal Service, as postal clerk, running from New York to Boston. He resides in Stony Creek.

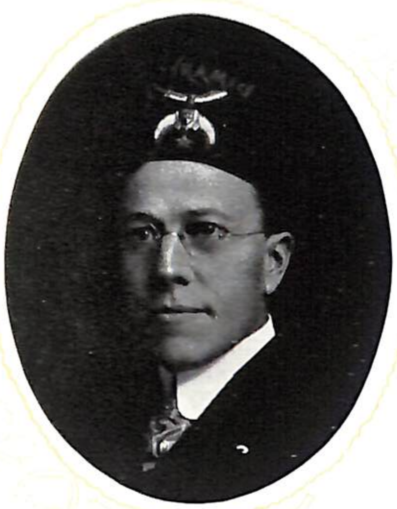
PETER H. ENGLE

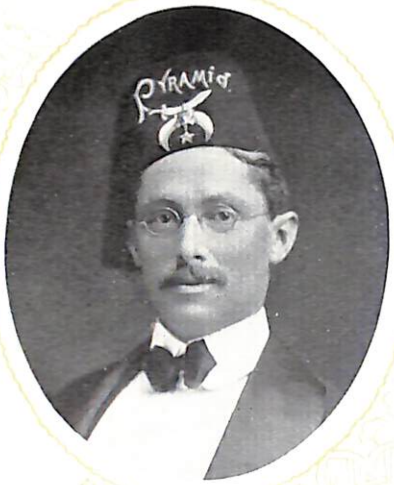
Entered the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on April 19, 1902, and was therein enrolled 1521, his Masonic qualifications having been gained in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and also took the Scottish Rite degrees with E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, receiving his thirty-second degree from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Engle likewise holds membership in the Knights Templar, and Young Men's Republican Clubs, both of New Haven. He was born in Denmark, April 30, 1862, and was given an education in the grammar and high schools of Ronne, Denmark, coming to this country in early manhood. His parents, Peter H. and Caroline Madsen Engle, were both of Danish origin, and Congregationalists. His entire working life has been spent in the cabinet-making line, and with E. P. Brett since 1885. During the two previous years he was employed by E. P. Mollar of Hagerstown, Md. He has specialized in piano-manufacturing. His business address is New Haven, and his residence, 361 Orange Street, same city.

CHAUNCEY S. FOSTER

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 24, 1890, with enrollment 561, is connected with St. Andrew's Lodge No. 64, A. F. & A. M.; Meriden Chapter No. 15, R. A. M., of which he is a high priest; Tyrian Council No. 31, R. & S. M., being one of its original charter members, and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T. He is also a member of Clifton Lodge No. 30, of the I. O. O. F. Noble Foster was born on September 12, 1826, in Jefferson, Schoharie County, N. Y., and received an education in the public schools of Norfolk, Conn. His parents were Smith and Densey Clark Foster, the former of New Marlborough, Mass., and the latter of Norfolk. His wife was Helen E. Beebe of South Canaan, and they have one son, George C. They are Methodists, and his favorite diversions are traveling and camping. For the past sixty years he has been a merchant tailor and clothier. His business address is 645 Main Street, Winsted, and he resides at 24 Union Street, Winsted.







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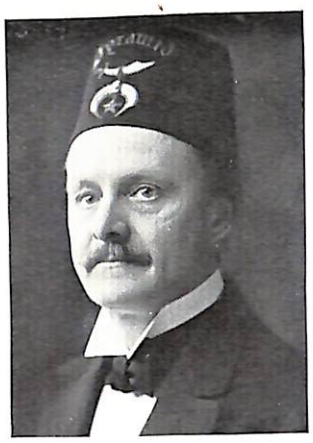

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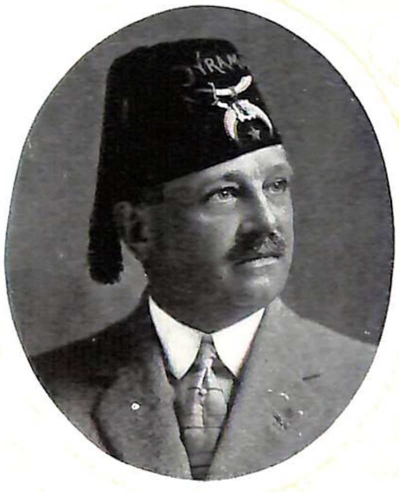

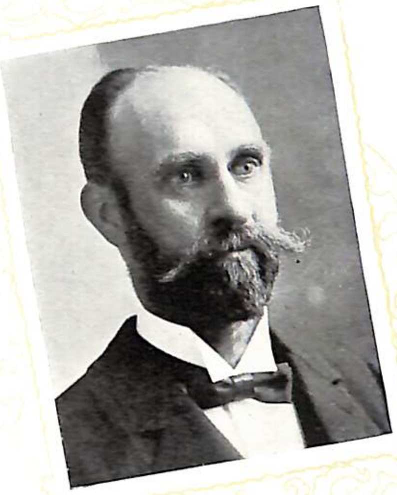

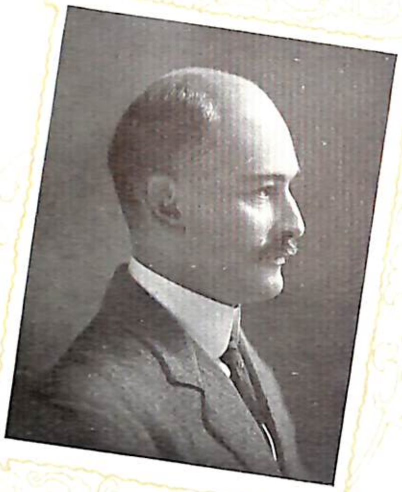

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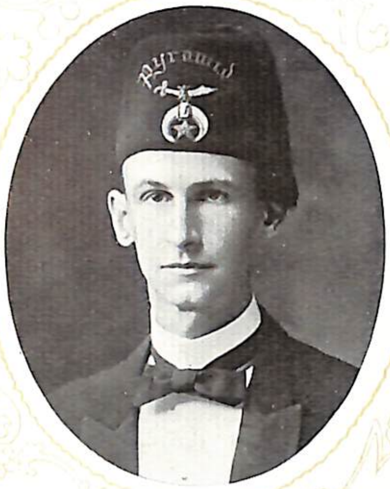

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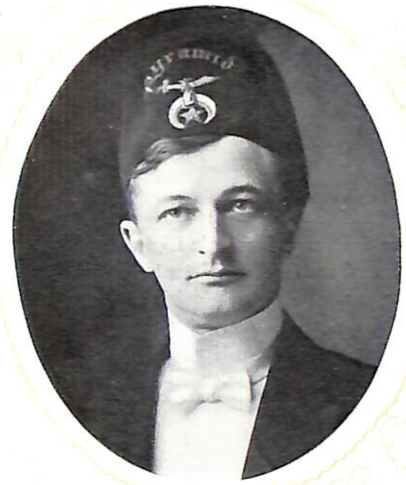

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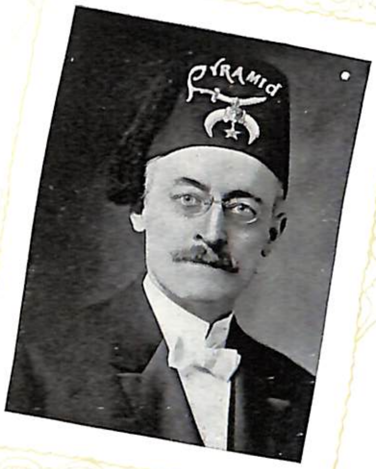

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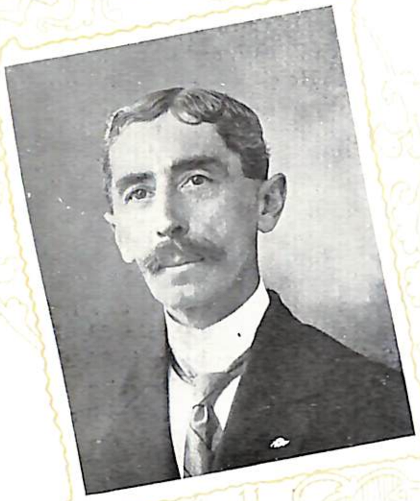

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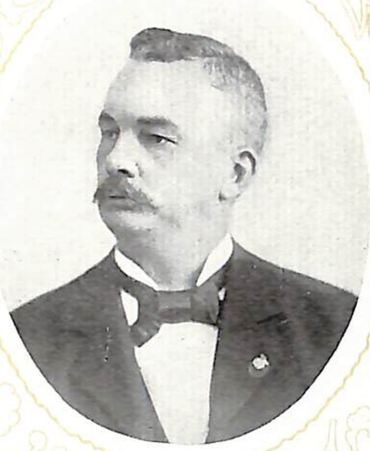

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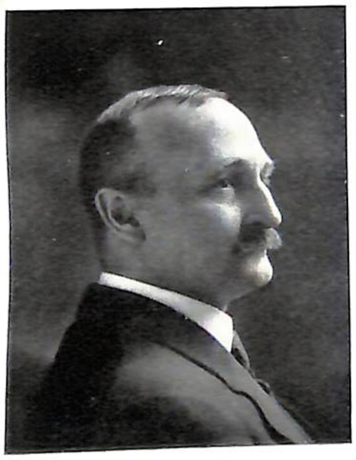

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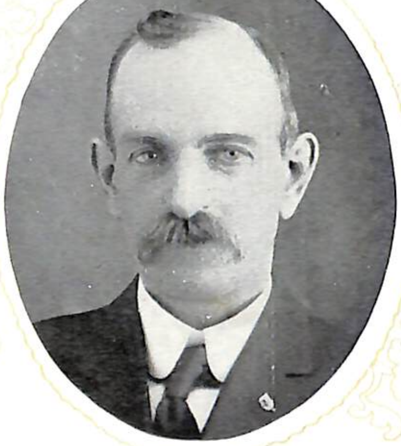

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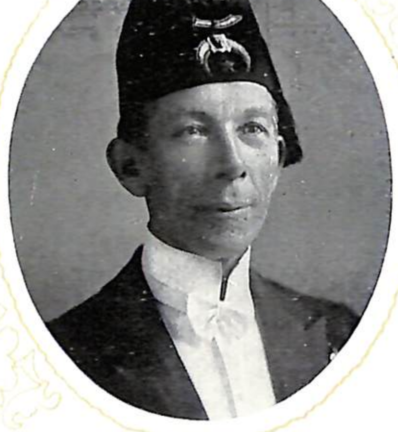

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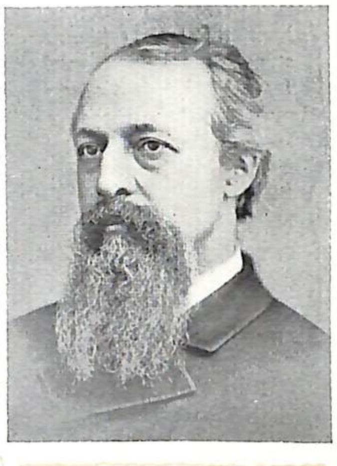

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DAVID W. BEACH

On July 4, 1911, was closed the earthly career of Noble Beach, who was shot with a stray bullet from an unknown source as he emerged from a street car in his home city. The lamented noble was affiliated in Masonry with Corinthian Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. His noble and sunny nature is greatly missed by his devoted family and friends, to whom and to the citizens of Bridgeport, generally, the unfortunate occurrence came as a great shock. Brother Beach was born in Bridgeport, Conn., January 1, 1879, and was educated in the public schools of his native city. His father, who was a G. A. R. Veteran, and member of the Samuel Harris Lodge of Bridgeport, passed away February 4, 1911. His grandfather, too, was an army man, having fought in the War of 1812, and he also had ancestors of Revolutionary fame. His mother, Martha A. Miller Beach of Brattleboro, Vt., survives him, also his wife, Eva B. Pettie Beach of Topsham, Me., to whom he was married, in Bridgeport, June 25, 1903, and their one son, David W. His church affiliations were Congregational as are those of his family. He enjoyed general and political reading, also law. For the past seventeen years he was connected with the Singer Sewing Machine Company of Bridgeport. His family home is 271 Beach Street, Bridgeport.

GEORGE KIRK, JR.

Bears Masonic allegiance to Mohawk Valley Lodge No. 276, of Mohawk, N. Y.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., of Danbury; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., of Danbury, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., of Danbury. He is also a member of the Masonic Club of Nome, Alaska, and of the Arctic Brotherhood of Nome City, Alaska. Having attained to the dignity of a Knight Templar, and thus having become eligible to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., he was elevated to that rank and dignity on April 9, 1906, his enrollment therein being 1964. Noble Kirk was born in Green Island, N. Y., December 19, 1873, the son of George and Catherine Matilda Kirk, the former of Troy, N. Y., and the latter of Lewiston, Penn. He received an education in the public schools of Troy, and special courses in the Troy Military Academy, later taking a course of study in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. On May 28, 1903, he was married to Marie Walters, daughter of John and Amelia Pfaefflin Walters of Saratoga, N. Y. They have one child, George, born November 18, 1906. Noble Kirk has espoused the Episcopal faith. Hunting, fishing, and autoing are his favorite diversions. He is president of the Ridgefield Water Supply Company and entered upon the duties of that office, March 2, 1907, and those of the Ridgfield Electric Company on August 12, 1905. He also served on a civil service commission, as assistant engineer in New York State, 1896-98. In the latter year he went to Alaska, and until 1901 was there engaged in gold mining, when he became railway locating engineer for Chambers and Hone of New York, whom he served in that capacity till 1903. He resides in Ridgefield.

LEWIS B. MATTHIAS

Raised in Masonry in Juliard Lodge No. 460, in Louisville, O., and dimitted therefrom to Conrad Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Alliance, O., and from the R. A. Chapter No. 84, in Canton, O., to that in Alliance, O., No. 83. He was knighted in Salem Commandery, K. T., Salem, O. From bodies in Ohio, he was dimitted to join St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in Bridgeport. Through the medium of the latter he was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple on May 5, 1903, with enrollment 1644. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., in Arcanum Lodge No. 27, and of Stratfield Encampment in Bridgeport. Noble Matthias was born in Minerva Village, O., February 12, 1860, and receiving an education in public and private schools of Louisville, O., graduated from the high school and entered the Normal School, specializing in the study of scientific methods as applied to commerce. He also graduated from Mt. Union College in 1893, and was its principal in the academic department for three years. His parents were Lewis and Sophia Gilbert Matthias, his grandfather having been a pioneer settler in Louisville, O. He was there married to Jeanette Caskey of Minerva, O. They are sincere believers in Methodism, and he is secretary of the First Methodist Church of Bridgeport. He is also local scout master of the 2d Troop of Boy Scouts of America, and greatly enjoys all outdoor sports, also the study of economic problems, and natural history, being local secretary of the Connecticut Audubon Society; is president of the Central Chautauqua Circle in Bridgeport, and for the past seven years has been treasurer of the Eastern Commercial Teachers' Association, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the United States. Since 1898 he has been principal in the commercial department of the Bridgeport High School. His residence is at 37 Buckingham Street, Bridgeport.

LEON D. MONKS, D. D. S.

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 27, 1899, with enrollment 1355. His York Rite Masonic degrees came from Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., where he is a past commander. His Scottish Rite degrees, up to the thirty-second, were conferred by the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven, his consistorial degree by Lafayette S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club; of the Knights of Pythias, in Sheffield Lodge, having served that body as chancellor, and of the Royal Arcanum in Davenport Council. Noble Monks was born in Ansonia, Penn., December 6, 1864. His parents are John and May E. (Ormsby) Monks, the former an Ohioan, and the latter a New Yorker. He was married in New Haven, July 10, 1895, to Ida L. Benoit of that city, and they have four children: Leon C., Roy G., Marion E. and Helen G. His favorite recreation is autoing. He is a private in the Governor's Foot Guard, and a member of the Odontological Society of Connecticut. Dr. Monks has been engaged in the practice of dental surgery in New Haven, from 1892, and is a graduate of Ohio College of Dental Surgery. His dental office is at 781 Chapel Street, New Haven, and he resides at 109 Howe Street, New Haven.

FRANCIS RAY

Admitted to membership in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 26, 1894, with enrollment 1028, first saw Masonic light in Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., where he is a past master; was advanced and exalted in Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M., being a past high priest; received and greeted in Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., of which he is a past thrice illustrious master, and he was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Ray was born in Sydney, Australia, September 15, 1843, and was there educated in public and private schools. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth Hodgen Ray, both of English birth. He was married in New Haven, March 30, 1898, to Jennie E. White of Ashland, N. Y. They have two children: Franklin Joseph and Beatrice L. Noble Ray was reared in the Congregational faith and adheres to its doctrines. Since 1905, he has been the engineer of the Scranton School in New Haven, and previously for sixteen years, was in the employ of The B. Shoninger Piano Company of New Haven. His residence is 20 Parmelee Avenue, New Haven.

CLIFTON E. WATERBURY

Inspector for The Stamford Gas & Electrical Company, has held that position from 1895, the eight years prior to that his business interests having been in a commercial line.

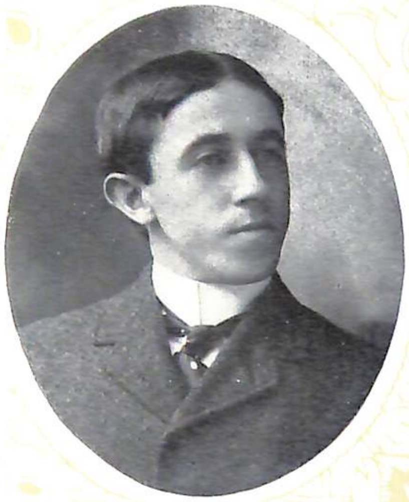
He was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on December 14, 1904, having first seen Masonic Light in Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M.; was advanced and exalted in Rittenhouse R. A. Chapter No. 11, in which he is past high priest; passed into Washington Council, No. 6, R. & S. M., and was knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He has been treasurer of the New England Order of Protection, since 1910, and is a member of the Republican Club.

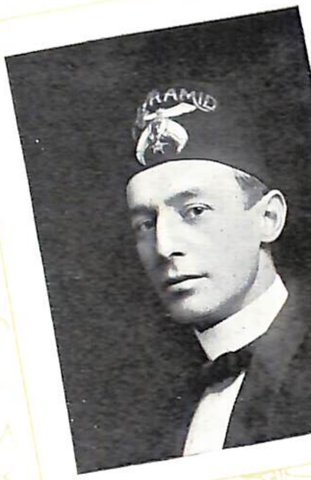
Noble Waterbury was born in Stamford, Conn., November 27, 1874, receiving an education in the public schools of his native place, and in Merrill's Business College. He is the son of Emmett S. Waterbury of New York, and Emma L. Hurlbutt Waterbury, an Iowan by birth. His parents are Baptists, and their son is also of that faith. He was married in Stamford, October 11, 1900, to Nelly M. Miller, daughter of John W. and Helen Wright Miller of Stamford. They have two children: Gladys H., born June 7, 1905, and Clifton George, April 23, 1908.

Autoing and scientific reading are his favorite pastimes. His business address is 15 Bank Street, Stamford, and he resides at 400 Summer Street.

FREDERICK O. DAUCHY

Crossed the burning sands of the Mystic Shrine and was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, on January 27, 1890, with enrollment 434. His Masonic affiliations are with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. The Elks, Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, and Foresters, all claim his membership. Noble Dauchy was born in Danbury, Conn., March 3, 1856, and resides in that city at 36 New Street. He is a professional musician, being both organist and pianist. He has been pianist with the Taylor Opera House, also musical director for the past thirty years.





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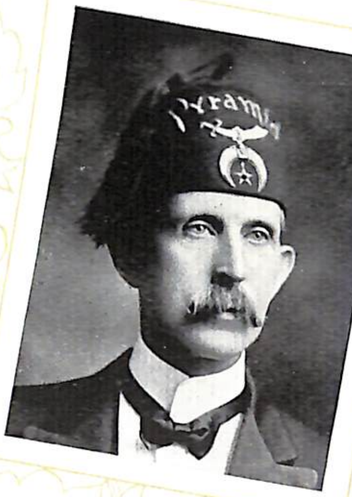

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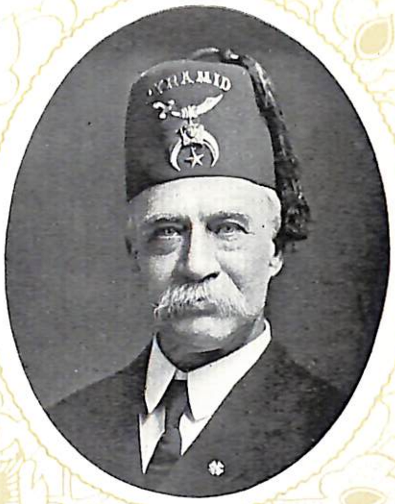

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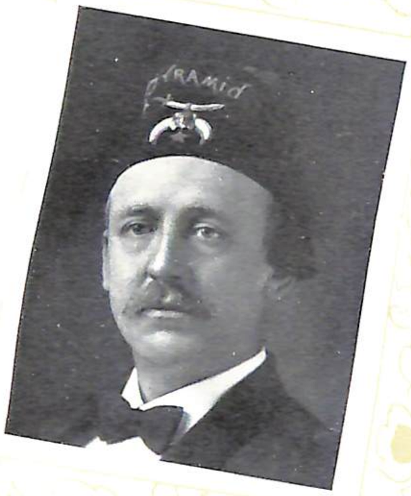

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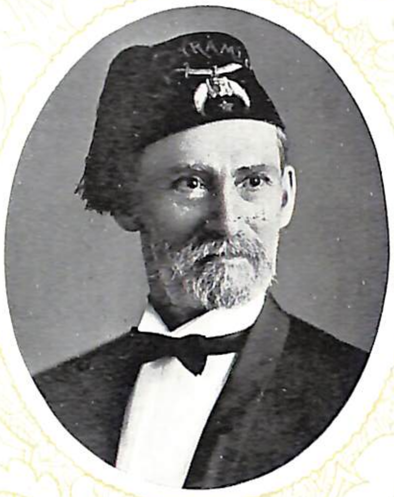

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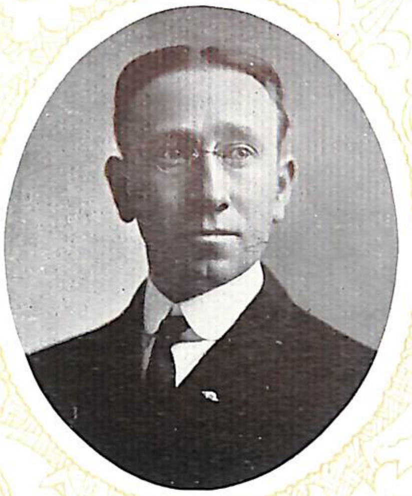

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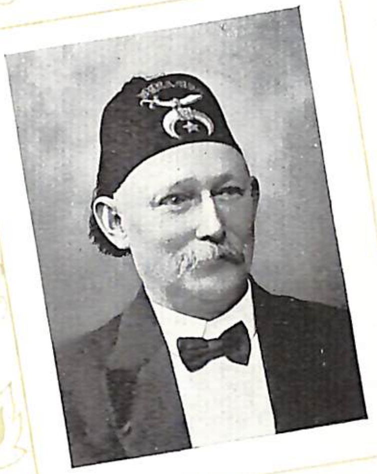

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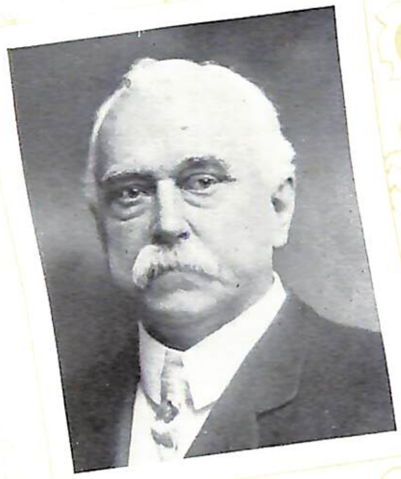

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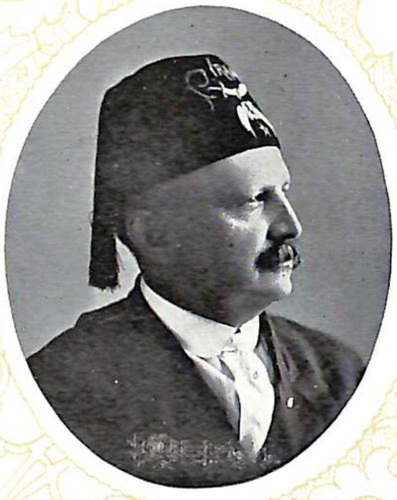

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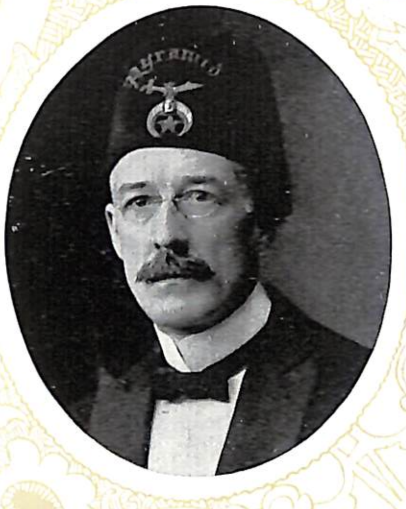

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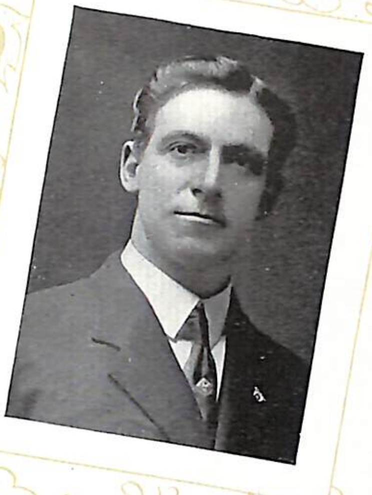

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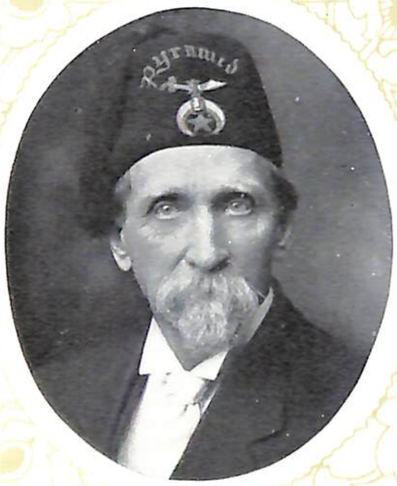

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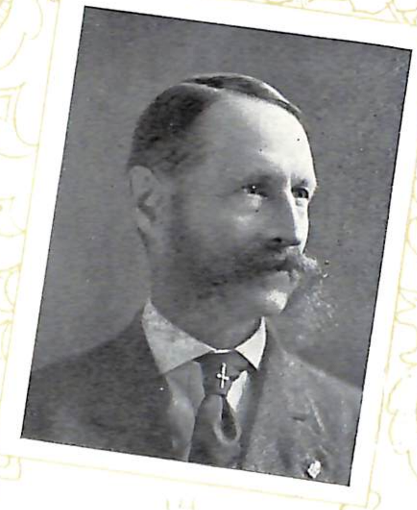

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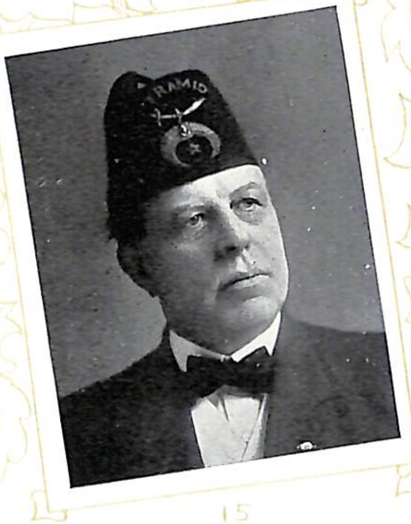

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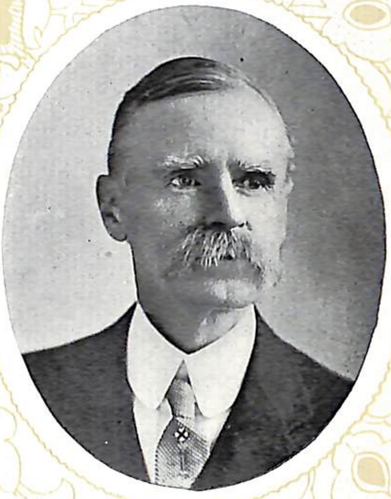

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ORLAND SMITH

The fiftieth to receive the rank of noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., becoming a member of that body on January 28, 1884. His Masonic connections are with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a past member of the Algonquin Club. Noble Smith retired from active business life fifteen years ago, having spent twenty-five years in the wholesale fruit and produce business in Bridgeport. He supports the Democratic Party by his vote and influence, and in 1900 served his city as councilman. North Haven, Me., was Noble Smith's birthplace, and the date, October 20, 1845. He received an education in the public schools of Black Rock, Conn., and the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was the son of Aaron and Margaret Calderwood Smith, both of North Haven, Me. In 1865, he was married in Danbury, to Caroline Wilderman, adopted daughter of Hiram B. Wilderman of Danbury. Two children were born of this union: Orland and Earl Terry. Their religious belief is Episcopal. Fishing is his favorite pastime. He resides at 793 Broad Street, Bridgeport.

RALPH C. PRATT

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 14, 1904, with enrollment 1793. His York Rite degrees came from Joseph Webb Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Boston; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club in New Haven; a noble grand in Norfolk Lodge of the I. O. O. F., in Boston, Mass., and a member of Harmony Lodge No. 10 of the Odd Fellows in New Haven. Noble Pratt was born in Shrewsbury, Mass., July 12, 1862, and there received an education, graduating from high school. His parents, Henry B. and Jane E. Weyman Pratt, were also natives of Shrewsbury. He has been twice united in marriage. His first wife was Hattie P. Roberts of Boston, to whom he was married June 1, 1892. Their two children are Curtis G. and George H. The present Mrs. Pratt was Harriet L. Gogan of Boston, who became his wife on September 21, 1909. They are attendants at the Congregational Church. Baseball is his favorite sport. For thirteen years prior to 1898 he was a traveling shoe salesman, and subsequently opened his own business in that line at 845 Chapel Street, New Haven, his residence being at 788 Orange Street.

WALTER H. FURNISS

Noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and enrolled as 1864, was initiated into its sacred mysteries on May 5, 1905. He is affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27; Hamilton Council No. 5, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Home Club of Meriden.

He has clerked with the International Silver Company of Meriden since 1887.

Noble Furniss was born in Middletown, Conn., November, 1870. He attended the public schools of Meriden, and in Philadelphia the Louis Academy. His father was Edward Furniss, native of England, and his mother is Mary Davis Furniss, also of English birth. September 19, 1894, he was married to Harriet H. Hitchcock of Bridgeport. They are Episcopalians. He is fond of baseball and all outdoor sports, also of reading fiction and history. His residence is at 43 North 2d St, Meriden.

WILLIAM A. NELSON

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason of Ansonia, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 9, 1906, his membership number being 1966. In 1890 he was affiliated with George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and New Haven Lodge of Perfection, having since received the degrees of the remaining Scottish Rite bodies in New Haven and of Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, Bridgeport. Noble Nelson is active in politics, having served on the Board of Aldermen, 1906-08, and in the Legislature as a representative from Ansonia, in 1907. He is a member of the Eagle Hose Company, Hook and Ladder; the Derby Board of Trade; Ansonia Manufacturers' Club, and the Union League of New Haven. He began his work in the business world in 1888, in the Derby Paper Mills of Shelton. From 1906, however, he has been engaged in the real estate business. He was born in Ansonia, Conn., September 23, 1869, where he received his early education, later graduating from the Gunnery School of Washington, Conn., after which he took a course in Yale Business College. His parents were Thomas A. Nelson, of Scottish origin, and Clarinda M. Hubble of Redding. Noble Nelson resides at 234 North Main Street.

FREDERICK ROBERT SEIDENSTICKER

No. 189 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to the ranks of that now illustrious body in its early days, on May 24, 1886. He is a 32° Mason, and received his degrees from Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is a designer and sculptor; member of the Boston Art Club, and received a prize for the design of a soldiers' monument for the city of Cambridge, Mass., and from the Massachusetts Historical Society, for the design of bronze medallion of Governor Andrews of Massachusetts. He also made a design for a seal of the city of Providence, at Point Street Bridge, and from life, a bust of Senator O. H. Platt of Connecticut. Noble Seidensticker was born in Philadelphia, Penn., August 30, 1838, and was educated in Boston, Berlin, and Vienna. He is of German extraction, and his parents were Jerome Napoleon and Maria Bush Seidensticker. He was married in Meriden, May 24, 1876, to Harriet E. Beach, daughter of George Beach, native of North Haven, and Lydia G. Redfield of Guilford. They have five children: Georgia, May, Robert B., Richard F., and Harold M., and their residence is on Lincoln Street, Meriden.

FRANK P. TYLER ;

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 9, 1897, with membership number 1263, was previously qualified as a Mason in Corinthian Lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R A. M., being a past high priest, and member of Committee on Jurisprudence, in The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and Yonkers Commandery No. 47, K. T. He is also a member of the Masonic Club of New Haven; has been supreme secretary of the Fraternal Benefit League since 1900, five years prior to entering his present office, having been interested in fraternal insurance in New York State. He has also been engaged in the printing business in New Haven. Noble Tyler was born in Northford, Conn., February 25, 1853, and attended the public schools of his native town and those of New Haven. His father was Matthew N. Tyler, and his mother, Ellen F. Potter Tyler. He was married to Stella M. Goodnow of New Haven in that city, on January 28, 1878. They have one child, Stephen Leslie. Noble Tyler attends the Congregational Church. Yachting is his favorite pastime. His business address is 16 Elm Street, and he resides at 33 Pearl Street, both in New Haven.

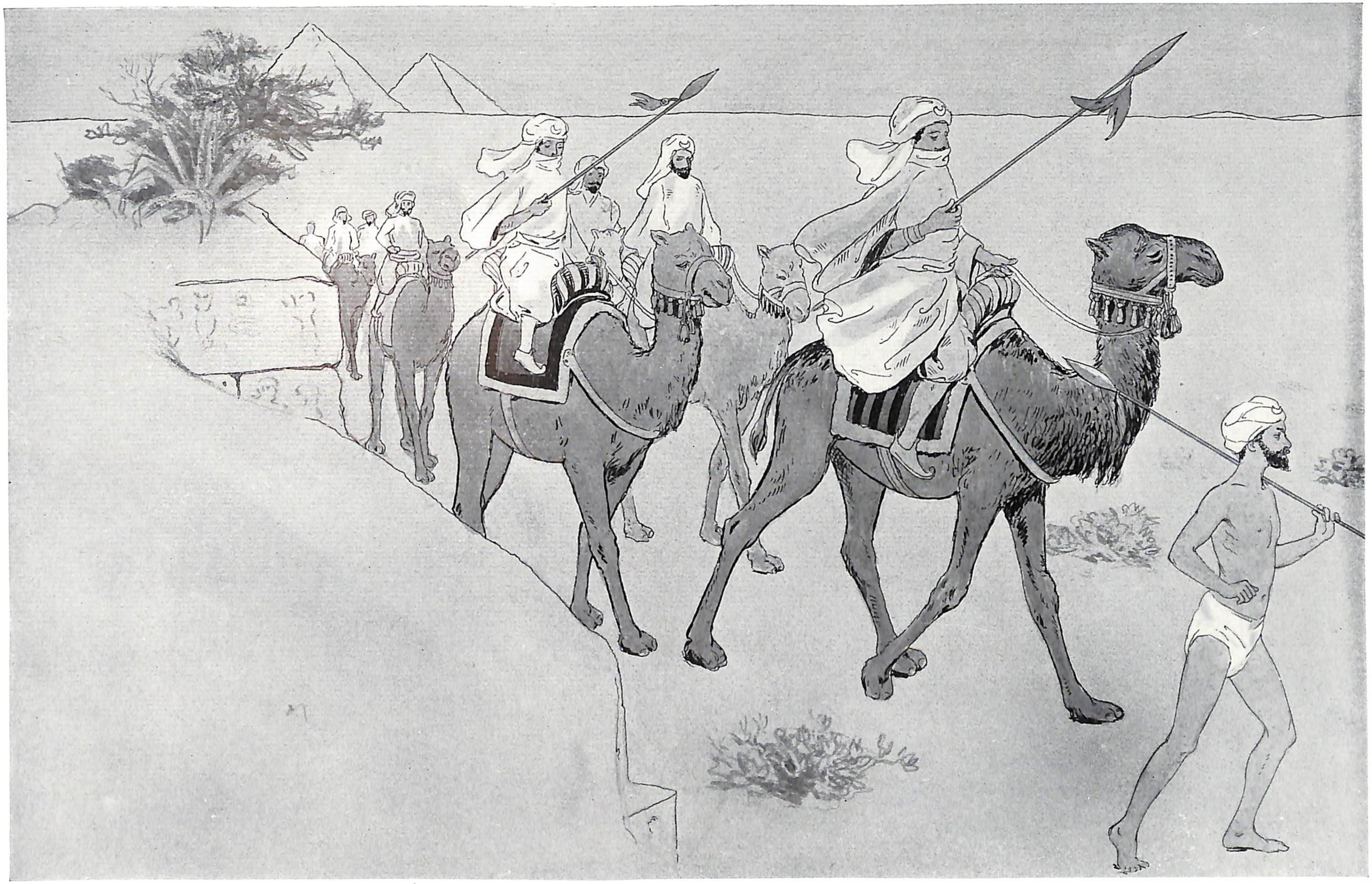
SAMUEL J. WATKINS

Of South Norwalk, was born in West Norwalk, Conn., and received an education in the public schools of South Norwalk. His father was Robert L. Watkins, of New York, and his mother, Susan Watkins of West Norwalk, both having been Congregationalists. He went to Minnesota in 1872, and later as representative of the Woods Reaper Company, traveled in Wsiconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, making headquarters at Fargo, N. Dak., for four years, and returned to Connecticut in 1886, and that year with W. W. Comstock established in South Norwalk the hardware business of Comstock & Watkins, which business, after 1890, was conducted by Watkins & Dow, Noble Watkins retaining his interest until 1905, when Mr. Dow purchased same. He is now in the real estate business in South Norwalk.

Noble Watkins was married in Darien, Conn., November 8, 1887, to Isabella W. Hoyt, daughter of Charles and Phoebe Wheaton Hoyt of Darien.

He first saw Masonic light in Minnesota, in Maukato Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., January 22, 1876; received the capitular degrees in Blue Earth Royal Arch Chapter No. 7, at Maukato, and was knighted in Maukato Commandery No. 4, K. T., in Minnesota. He dimitted from the Maukato organizations, in 1886, and is now a member of Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., in South Norwalk, Conn. Besides his Masonic connections, he is a member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., to which he was admitted May 21, 1896, his enrollment number being 1161.

Traveling and reading are his favorite pastimes, and he is a Congregationalist. His residence is at 97 South Main Street, South Norwalk.



On the Way to the Shrine

"On our way rejoicing. . ." It is a scene long to be remembered — a rich caravan bringing costly jewels and much treasure for the Temple. The day is bright, the sky is clear. The candidates, in token of humility and obedience, are loaded with chains and treated as captives; but all are joyous, and with mirth and music the long day soon passes. They are now in sight of the oasis of the Temple. . . "But hark! the muezzin sounds!" "Let us pray to Allah, the Giver of all things, the only living God!" "Allah il Allah!" "Allah il Allah!" The sun sets. The caravan has arrived.

HAROLD W. PICKETT

Of Seymour, was born in Seymour, Conn., September 6, 1870, and received an education in his home town. He was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 13, 1909, with enrollment 2260. He first saw Masonic light in Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M., where he has served both as junior and senior warden; his capitular degrees were received in Mount Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; he was admitted to the ninth arch in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., he was knighted. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Mechanics Lodge No. 73, in Seymour, where he is a past grand, and of the Improved Order of Red Men, in Nonnawauk Tribe No. 9, also in Seymour, of which he was a sachem. His father was Charles Howard, and his mother, Anna E. Culver, were both natives of the good old Nutmeg State. His business life began in 1889, when he became identified with the James Swan Company, in whose employ he remained until 1896, when he accepted a position with his present firm, the New Haven Copper Company of Seymour. He also resides in that town, at 38 Derby Avenue.

SIDNEY A. BROWN

Sheriff of New London County, from 1905, and formerly tax collector for four years; in the revenue service as deputy collector for three years, and for sixteen years deputy jailor, at New London, was born in Groton, Conn., June 24, 1858, the son of Thomas Brown of Groton, and Mary A. Clark Brown of same nativity, both of whom have passed away. He was married October 15, 1884, to Ella E. Hawkins of New London.

He holds Masonic membership in Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M.; Union R. A. Chapter No. 6; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M.; Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., and has received the several degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Norwich bodies, including the thirty-second, which was conferred by Norwich Consistory. His nobility in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine dates from April 22, 1897, his enrollment in that body being 1227. He is, likewise, a Knight of Pythias in Trumbull Lodge, and an Elk in Lodge No. 360, both in New London. The Thames and the New London Clubs also claim him as a member.

He resides in New London, at 265 William Street.

JOHN R. HILL

Masonically affiliated with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council. Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix and Lafayette Consistory, 32°, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on April 29, 1902, with enrollment 1526. He is also a member of the Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and of the Danbury Club. Born in Redding, Conn., December 27, 1870, Noble Hill attained an education in the public schools and Hill Academy of his native town. His father, William H. Hill, is also a native of Redding, and his mother was Mary Althea Hotchkiss, native of Sharon, Conn. On June 24, 1896, he was married to Minnie E. McCollum, daughter of James S. and Emeline Ferguson McCollum of Danbury. They have two children, Berkley Hotchkiss, born November 28, 1901, and Helen Althea, born January 10, 1908. Since 1908 he has been a director of the Savings Bank of Danbury, and as a patriotic Republican citizen has served his city both as councilman and alderman. He was also a delegate to the National Republican convention at Philadelphia in 1900. Noble Hill came to Danbury in 1890, taking a position in the store of D. E. Rogers, where he continued until 1896, when, with Andrew R. Jones, he formed the Danbury Hardware Company, of which he was secretary and treasurer. In 1909 he engaged in the manufacturing business as president of The Hill & Loper Company, hat manufacturers of Danbury, and in June, 1911, severed his connections with the Danbury Hardware Company to devote his entire attention to manufacturing. His business address is Montgomery Street, Danbury, and his home, 28 Pleasant Street, same city.

IRVING LUCIUS HOLT

Generalissimo in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., was admitted to the ranks of the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Shrine on December 9, 1897, his enrollment number in that illustrious body being 1254. In addition to his commandery attachment, he is also Masonically identified with Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27, and Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M. General insurance and real estate business have claimed his attention since 1874, and since 1892 he has been special agent of the Royal Insurance Company for the State of Connecticut. For fifteen years, from 1892 to 1907, he was tax collector of Meriden, and of the State School for Boys was secretary and treasurer in 1900, still serving in that capacity. He was also officer and teacher in the school, 1872-74. Noble Holt was born in Somers, Conn., September 5, 1851. To his academic course was added other courses of study, one of which was in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale. His parents were Elijah and Nancy E. Harwood Holt, both natives of the good old Nutmeg State. He was twice married: August 13, 1875, to Ella Rice of Meriden, daughter of Hinsdale S. Rice, and on March 28, 1906, to Mrs. Bessie Card Lake of Providence, R. I., daughter of Henry Card. He has a son, by his first marriage, Harry H. The favorite pastimes of Noble Holt are hunting, fishing and autoing, and he is a member of the Home Club. His business address is No. 1 Wilcox Building, Meriden, and his home, 82 Wilcox Avenue, same city.

THOMAS LURELLE GUILD

On November 20, 1911, Mr. Guild was received, admitted and constituted Noble No. 2375 of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Bridgeport, Conn. His qualifying Masonic connections are with Western Star Lodge No. 37, A. F. & A. M., in Norfolk; Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons, of Stamford; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., also of Stamford, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., of Norwalk, Conn. Noble Guild is also a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and Stamford Yacht Club. Noble Guild was born in Syracuse, N. Y., December 19, 1873, moving later to New York City, where he was graduated from the public schools, subsequently attending Packards Business College and College of the City of New York. His father was the late Lurelle W. Guild of West Winfield, N. Y., and his mother, Alice B. Goodwillie Guild of Barnet, Vt. Noble Guild was married to Alice T. Gumble of Mount Vernon, N. Y., October 3, 1895, and has a son, Lurelle Van Arsdale.

His religious beliefs are those of his parents, who were strict Presbyterians. While his business requires considerable of his time, he, nevertheless, enters into all outdoor sports, particularly yachting and motoring. He started as a boy in the Fifth Avenue Bank of New York, remaining with that institution for thirteen years, gradually working up from the bottom to the position of general clerk, resigning to become a member of New York Cotton Exchange and to form a partnership with Mr. Jason S. Bailey of Boston, for the purpose of conducting a cotton brokerage business under the style of Bailey and Guild, with offices in New York and Boston. He resides at 170 Lawn Avenue, Stamford.

H. W. Pickett

Sidney A Brown

John R. Hill.

J. J. Holt.

T. Luelle Guild

FRANCIS B. GATES

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 29, 1902, with membership No. 1516, is Masonically affiliated with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is likewise a member of Harmony Lodge No. 5, of the I. O. O. F. of New Haven, Conn.; and secretary and treasurer of New Haven Division No. 77 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. On December 8, 1853, Noble Gates was born in New Haven, Conn., where he attended school, graduating on July 6, 1868. His parents were Benjamin W. and Marilla Phillips Gates. He was married to Mina Wright in Cleveland, O., and later in New Haven, to Emily Clapper, both of whom have passed away. His home has been brightened by four children: Nathalie, Alice, Harry B., and Mina M. He is a believer in Protestantism, as were his parents and his wives. He endorses Republican principles. For forty-four years, he has been employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, and as locomotive engineer since February 3, 1877. His residence is 354 Davenport Avenue, New Haven.

THOMAS D. BRADSTREET

A 32° Mason of Thomaston, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 26, 1892, with enrollment 793, has York Rite Masonic degrees conferred by Watertown Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Thomaston Chapter, R. A. M.; Waterbury Council, R. & S. M., and Clark Commandery, K. T. He also received the Scottish Rite degrees from the Bridgeport bodies; is a member of the Thomaston Club; of the Waterbury and Waterbury Country Clubs; the Seaside Outing Club, of Bridgeport; Union League, New Haven; Hartford Club, and the Hartford Republican Club. He is also a Son of the American Revolution and member of the Connecticut Navy Club, and was appointed representative from Thomaston in 1886, and in 1903, elected State Senator, having also served as Senator, 1905-07-09-11. He is vice-president of the Thomas Clock Company; president of the Thomaston Water Company, and director in the Thomaston National Bank. Noble Bradstreet was born in Topsfield, Mass. His parents were Thomas J. and Amanda Thomas Bradstreet. He was married in Waterbury, on March 23, 1863, to Sarah M. Perry, of that place, and they have one daughter, who is now married. Noble Bradstreet's address is Thomaston, Conn.

HENRY E. BISHOP

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 15, 1900 with enrollment 1394. His Masonic connections are with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F.; of Stratfield Encampment; of the Red Men, and of the American Mechanics, and is a Republican. Since 1888, he has been engaged in the undertaking and embalming business for himself. Noble Bishop was born in Woodbury, Conn., on May 4, 1871, and there received a public school education, which he later supplemented by a course in the Turner Business College of Bridgeport. His father was Edward N. Bishop, and his mother is Harriet E. Minor Bishop. He was married in Bridgeport, on November 5, 1901, to a young lady from New Haven. They have one son, Edward H., and are of Congregational affiliation. Fishing and autoing are his favorite outdoor sports. His business address is 274 Fairfield Avenue, and he resides at 412 Stratfield Avenue, Bridgeport.

GEORGE W. JACKMAN

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 24, 1894, the number of his enrollment being 1023. His Masonic affiliations are with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., which he has been serving as warden for the past three years; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias, Joseph Dowell Lodge No. 40, and the Order of the Heptasophs in Conclave No. 53, both in Bridgeport, and likewise of the well-known Algonquin Club. Noble Jackman was born in Barre, Vt., February 4, 1851, and received an education in the public schools of that city, and in Barre Academy. His parents were Angier M. and Christina French Jackman, the former of Corinth, Vt., and the latter of Barre. He was married in Barre, Vt., September 26, 1870, to Josephine Caswell, of Washington, Vt., daughter of Nelson and Eliza Watson Caswell. Their two children have passed away, but they have an adopted daughter, Esther Leona, around whom their love centers. They are Universalists. Autoing is greatly enjoyed by him, while in reading he is most fond of history and politics. He is a Republican, and a member of the Board of Appropriation, and served as alderman, 1906-07. In 1909, he retired from the Springfield Manufacturing Company, with which he had been associated for twenty years, to engage in the real estate business in Bridgeport. He resides at 2403 North Avenue.

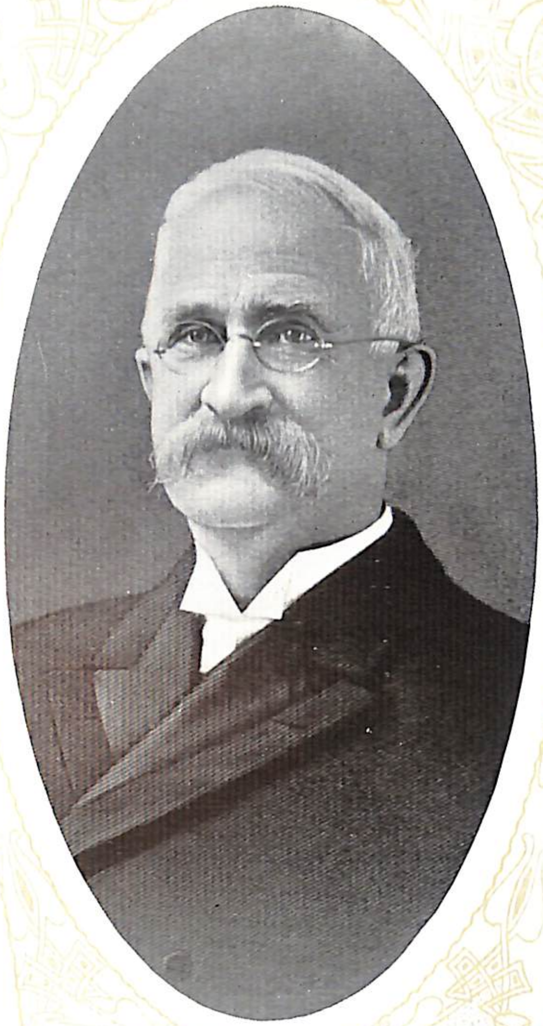
JOHN H. PEARCE, JR.

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 9, 1910, and therein enrolled as 2294, attained his York Rite Masonic degrees in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., in which he is steward; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., being captain; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His A. A. S. R. degrees were conferred by the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport, in which he became a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret, on May 7, 1910. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Pearce was born in New Haven, Conn., December 5, 1885, and attended the public schools of his native city. His business connection is with the L. Candee Rubber Company of New Haven, and he also resides in that city, at 80 Cold Spring Street.

JOHN H. PEARCE

A 32° Mason of New Haven, with Masonic affiliations in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., which he served as high priest; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., past thrice illustrious master; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., which he has served as commander; the A. A. S. R. bodies, of which he is past thrice illustrious potentate in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; high priest in Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; junior warden, New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Prince of the Royal Secret in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is also a past master in the Most Grand Council of Connecticut, past most puissant grand master of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Connecticut, and a member of the Masonic and Knights Templar Clubs of New Haven. On April 22, 1897, he was ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with enrollment 1211, and about fifteen years later a youthful noble scion, bearing his own name, was also received in that illustrious body of the Mystic Shrine. For more than forty years, Noble Pearce has been connected with the rubber industry, and for twenty-nine years to date, with the L. Candee Company, as superintendent of their factory at 214 East Street, New Haven. He resides at 80 Cold Spring Street, New Haven.

Francis B. Gates



Thos. D. Bradstreet

Henry E. Bishop

Geo. W. Jackman

John H. Pearce Jr.

FREDERICK D. TWEEDY

Senior member from 1901 of the firm of F. D. Tweedy & Co., 45 River Street, Danbury, hat manufacturers, was, from 1887 to 1898, connected with the Tweedy Manufacturing Company; Tweedy & Company, and White, Tweedy & Smyth, in the same industry.

Noble Tweedy was born in Danbury, Conn., June 26, 1868, and received an education in the public schools of that place, graduating from the high school in 1885. His parents were Frederick W. and Adelaide Stocker Tweedy, both having been natives of Danbury, and both Episcopalians.

Noble Tweedy was brought to light in Masonry, in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., and was exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M. His cryptic degrees were conferred in Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and he received the Templar orders in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. The attainment of his Masonic degrees qualified him for his subsequent admission, on May 5, 1903, to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, with enrollment 1648. He is also a member of the Danbury Club, and his political affiliations are Republican. He is fond of all outdoor sports, and his residence is at 4 Fairview Avenue, Danbury.

EDWARD E. GORHAM

Past eminent commander in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., and a member of Lafayette Consistory, in which he received his thirty-second degree, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, the number of his enrollment being 1642. In addition to being a Mason, and member of the Shrine, he is a past grand of Butler Lodge of the Odd Fellows, South Norwalk; past chief patriarch of his encampment; is connected with the South Norwalk and Norwalk Country Clubs, and with the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association of South Norwalk. Politically a Republican, for many years he has been registrar of voters. His business, since 1891, is that of a decorator and dealer in wall paper, paints, etc. He was a traveling salesman in various lines for twelve years prior to engaging in his own business. Noble Gorham was born in Norwalk, Conn., July 12, 1860, and attended the public schools of his native town. His parents were Henry B. and Mary E. Jones Gorham, his father native of Westport, and his mother of Norwalk. On September 14, 1880, his marriage to Annie E. Hoyt, daughter of James L. and Maria L. Webber Hoyt, the latter of Scotch nativity, took place in Norwalk. They have one son, Leslie W., born in Norwalk, January 27, 1887. Noble Gorham is a Methodist. His business address is No. 10 First Street, East Norwalk, and he also resides in East Norwalk, at 202 East Avenue.

HON. HENRY H. PECK

President of the Dime Savings Bank for the past twenty-five years, and for fifteen years, director of the Citizens' National Bank, both in Waterbury, was admitted to the A. A. O. N. M. S., in the Pyramid Temple body, on June 6, 1887, and therein enrolled 273. As a Mason he holds charter membership in Continental Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; is a member of Eureka Chapter No. 22, R. A. M., and Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M.; is also a charter member of Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., and affiliated with the New Haven Scottish Rite bodies, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Peck is a Republican whose merits are known and appreciated by his townsmen, attested by his election in 1887, as representative to the House, and as senator, in 1905. He was born in Berlin, Conn., on Christmas Day, 1838, and attained an education in that place, which was supplemented by a course at the Kellogg Institute of Meriden. His business career began in Waterbury, where for twenty-seven years he was in the dry goods line. Noble Peck, whose parents were Selden and Lucy Hart Peck, has his home in Waterbury, and is a member of the Union League of New Haven, and the Waterbury, Home, and Waterbury Country Clubs.

CAPTAIN NATHAN AUGUSTUS HULL

The 80th ordination to the nobility of Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., having taken place on November 24, 1884, he became one of those noble pioneers in whose praise too much can hardly be said. Largely to their efforts is due the present stability and magnificent proportions of Pyramid Temple. His Masonic York Rite degrees had been previously conferred by King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., while his A. A. S. R. degrees were received from E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar and Good Templar Clubs, of Amaranth Lodge of the O. E. S. in New Haven; is connected with Housatonic Lodge No. 6, and Excelsior Encampment of the I. O. O. F., and an ex-member of Pootahuck Tribe of the I. O. R. M., and of the American Mechanics; a Son of Temperance and member of Auto and Motor Boat Clubs. He has been captain of Long Island Sound steamers for the past thirty-five years, and has also been superintendent of Marine Transportation for the Howard Company for fifteen years. Noble Hull was born at Hudson Falls, N. Y., July 26, 1851, and there attended public and private schools. His parents were Nathan and Suey M. (Dewey) Hull, the former of Stony Creek, Warren County, N. Y., and the latter, native of Hudson Falls, N. Y. He was married October 26, 1883, to Mrs. H. M. Clark, nee Harriet N. Peck of Monroe, Conn. She passed away April 4, 1911. His business address is 250 Boulevard, New Haven, care of The Howard Company, his residence being on board ship, and his P. O. box 1037, New Haven.

WALTER RUTHERFORD STUDWELL

Admitted to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on May 5, 1905, with enrollment 1858, had previously united with Masonry in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in Danbury; Rittenhouse R. A. Chapter No. 11; Washington Council No. 24, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. His other fraternal associations are with the Odd Fellows in Rippowam Lodge, Stamford, which he served as chaplain; Wascusse Encampment; Laurel Rebekah Lodge of the Odd Fellows; Order of the Eastern Star, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. He is, too, a member of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. of New York, and of the Mutual Benefit Association of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. For the past twelve years he has been a trainman on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, having been in that employ from 1900. For four years he was a piano tuner till 1888. The year of 1889 he spent traveling in California. Noble Studwell was born in Greenwich, Conn., June 1, 1876, and received a public school education in Stamford, supplemented by a business course, a five years' course in music, and his reading, which is chiefly on musical subjects. He has also made a special study of bookkeeping and commercial law. His favorite diversion is music. His parents, both Episcopalians, are George and Caroline Ingersoll Studwell, and his mother is the daughter of Simon Ingersoll, the well-known inventor of the Ingersoll Steam Rock Drill. Their home is at 19 Greenwood Street, Stamford.

Frederick D. Tweedy

E. E. Gorham

Henry H. Peck

Nathan A. Hull

Walter R. Studwell

JOHN A GORHAM

Born at Hull's Farm, Conn., April 2, 1845, the son of John H. and Sarah Wakeman Alvord Gorham received an education in the public schools of Southport, Conn. He was married to Anna B. Sturges, daughter of Henry and Henrietta Baldwin Sturges, the former native of Southport, and the latter of Greenfield Hill, Conn.

The parents of Noble Gorham were both Congregationalists, and he is a member of the Episcopal Church. He believes in the principles of Republicanism, is fond of outdoor sports, and an extensive reader along general lines, having retired from active business life.

Noble Gorham is a member of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, having been received into that body on November 27, 1905, his enrollment number being 1916. He is also Masonically connected with the following bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in which he is a warden; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°.

He resides at 293 Golden Hill Street, Bridgeport.

HOWARD WHEATON TAYLOR

On June 6, 1907, Noble Taylor crossed the burning sands and entered Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment number being 2110, having previously attained membership in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He also bears allegiance to Samaritan Lodge No. 7, of the Odd Fellows in Danbury, of which he is a past noble grand, to the Elks, in Danbury Lodge No. 120, being a charter member, the Royal Arcanum, and also to the Foresters of America in Bailey Court. Politically, he adheres to Democratic principles. Noble Taylor was born in Danbury, August 11, 1858. His parents were William F. and Isabelle Meeker Taylor. His father was a staunch Episcopalian, his mother a Congregationalist. His father practiced law in Danbury and vicinity, from 1845 until his death in 1889.

Noble Taylor married Alice Slade, February 14, 1902. They have one child, William F., born November 11, 1906.

When twenty-one, Noble Taylor was admitted to the bar, and is engaged in the active practice of law in Danbury and vicinity.

He is fond of baseball and golf. His business address is 165 Main Street, Danbury, where his father had an office for over forty years.

GEORGE BEARDSLEY COLEY

Of Bridgeport, Conn., was born there, on April 7, 1866. He was the son of Charles W. Coley, of Stepney, Conn., and Ellen W. Beckett Coley. His parents were of the Presbyterian faith and Noble Coley is also a Presbyterian. He received an education in the public schools of his home city, graduating from Prospect Street School in 1886. In 1891 he became connected with the Couch & Mission Company in the manufacture of shoes, and in 1892 entered the police force of Bridgeport, receiving the appointment of sergeant of police in 1905, which post he continues to fill. Noble Coley is a past Arab in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and was therein ennobled on April 6, 1903, his Shrine number being 1605. He is a 32° Mason, and affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of Harris Lodge No. 99, I. O. O. F., of Bridgeport, and politically adheres to Republican principles. His marriage to Ella Jane Brandeau, daughter of George M. and Jane Pulver Brandeau of Catskill, N. Y., was solemnized in New York, on February 10, 1893. They have one child, Marshall A., born in Bridgeport, September 10, 1898. Noble Coley is fond of autoing, also of all outdoor sports and historical reading. He resides at 114 Cottage Street, Bridgeport.

HENRY BALDWIN HARRISON HURD

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple No. 8, on May 1, 1900, holds Masonic degrees conferred by Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar Club, and the Quinnipiack and New Haven Lawn Clubs. In politics he served his city as councilman in 1893. Noble Hurd was born in Oxford, Conn., July 22, 1869, and received an education in the public and private schools of New Haven, graduating from high school in 1889. His parents were Truman E. and Frances E. (Wheeler) Hurd, both natives of Southbury. His favorite outdoor recreations are riding and driving. For five years from 1901 he was treasurer and general manager of the Derby Lumber Company; and subsequent to that was president of the Milford Lumber Company, and since 1906 has been president of the New England Stone Company of New Haven, located at 447 Grand Avenue. He resides at 407 Orange Street, New Haven.

HENRY J. DUNLAP

A York Rite Mason of Naugatuck, first saw Masonic light in Rich Hill Lodge No 479, A. F. & A. M. in the State of Missouri; was exalted in Rich Hill Chapter, R. A. M., and knighted in Gouley Commandery No. 30, Knights Templar, in Butler, Mo. He was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., December 14, 1898, with membership No. 1309. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias of Naugatuck, in Gavel Lodge No. 18. Noble Dunlap was born July 27, 1857, in Bridgeport, Conn., and was there educated in public and private schools. His father was John J. Dunlap, native of New York, and his mother is Eliza A. Lathrope of New Milford. Anna Bennetto of Stratford became his wife on October 18, 1904, their marriage having been solemnized in her home town. He has been in the jewelry trade for the past thirty-five years, from 1876, and from 1894 as proprietor at 81 Maple Street, Naugatuck. His residence is at 226 Meadow Street.

FREDERICK A. HINE

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on March 3, 1891, with enrollment 577, had previously attained his Masonic qualifications in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., which he served as senior deacon; Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. Noble Hine was born in Danbury, Conn., January 16, 1860, and attended the public schools of his native town, graduating from the academic high school course in 1879. He is the son of Edward A. Hine, formerly of New Milford, Conn., and Catherine A. Cowan Hine of New Marlboro, Mass. He was reared as an Episcopalian, and is fond of baseball and all outdoor sports and historical reading. From 1905 he has been treasurer of the Hine Box and Printing Company of Danbury, located at Railroad Place, Danbury, and he also resides in Danbury, at 30 West Street. He is unmarried.

John A. Gorham

Geo. B. Coy

H. W. Taylor

H. B. Hurd.

Henry J. Dunlap

FREDERICK WARD DE KLYN

Of Danbury, entered the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 6, 1907, his enrollment therein being 2068. He started his Masonic career in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., which he now serves as senior warden; is a member of Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; thrice illustrious master of Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters; is captain general of Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, and member of the following Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport: DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is likewise affiliated with the Elks, in Danbury Lodge No. 120.

Since 1906 Noble DeKlyn has been a member of the firm of DeKlyn & Son, bakers and confectioners. He was born in Danbury, Conn., October 10, 1885, and attained an education in Danbury and Norwalk, which included a special university course. His father is Fred W. DeKlyn, Sr., formerly of Bethel, and his mother was Emma T. Benedict DeKlyn, native of Danbury. He was married on October 4, 1909, to Jean H. Begg, of Danbury, daughter of William Begg of Scottish birth and ancestry. Noble DeKlyn was brought up in the Episcopal faith, and his home is at 4 Terrace Place, while his place of business is 207 Main Street, Danbury.

CHARLES B. KEELER, M. D.

Was admitted to the ranks of the nobility in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in class of December 10, 1896, with membership 1205. He was previously qualified through York Rite Masonry in Harmony Lodge No. 67, A. F. & A. M.; Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in Norwalk. He is also one of the Sons of the American Revolution. Noble Keeler is a practicing Hahnemann-homeopathic physician and surgeon, having graduated, in 1888, from the Hahnemann Medical Institute in Chicago. He is also a graduate of the New York Polyclinic Institute, and of the New York Homeopathic College, and is serving his town and borough as health officer. Noble Keeler was born in Bridgeport, Conn., July 17, 1865, the son of the lamented Noble Isaac E. Keeler, of Pyramid, and Jane T. Porter Keeler, both of whom were natives of New Canaan. His favorite pastime is yachting, and he is an ex-commodore in the Norwalk Yacht Club; also a member of the New Canaan Country Club. He practises his profession in New Canaan, where he resides, and also in its vicinity.

JOHN BELDEN HURLBUTT

The 295th enrollment in Pyramid Temple, A. A. Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, attained his membership in that illustrious body on January 23, 1888, having previously given his allegiance to Masonry in Ark Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M.; Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24, which he is serving both as secretary and principal sojourner; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., of which he has been commander. He is also a member of Our Brothers Lodge of the Odd Fellows in Norwalk. He likewise holds membership in the Norwalk Club, and the Wee Burn Golf Club.

He has been clerk and city attorney of the City of Norwalk, and member of the Republican State Committee, also of the Congressional Committee from the Fourth District, holding senatorial, legislative, and numerous other offices in the State, besides practising law.

Noble Hurlbutt was born in Wilton, Conn., December 1, 1843, and acquired his education in private schools in Wilton, giving especial attention to the study of mathematics. His father, John P. Hurlbutt, who passed away in 1861, was also born in Wilton, and his mother was Polly E. Gregory Hurlbutt, native of Norwalk. Noble Hurlbutt has been twice married: In October, 1871, to Emmeline Little of New York; and in August, 1899, to Mrs. Mary F. Nichols of Wilton. He has one child, a step-daughter, now Mrs. Liny Curnaw. Hunting and golf are his favorite pastimes, and his reading pertains chiefly to law and science. His business address is 34 Wall Street, Norwalk, and he resides at 9 Union Avenue, Norwalk.

BURTON G. STAAB

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 9, 1910, was enrolled therein 2308. In Masonry he was raised in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; was advanced and exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; admitted to the ninth arch in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He also bears allegiance to the A. A. S. R. bodies in Bridgeport. Noble Staab was born in Haydenville, Mass., September 28, 1879, and there received an education, afterward taking a course in the Springfield Business College. His parents are John F. and Elizabeth A. Damon Staab, both natives of Williamsburg, Mass. He was married on June 7, 1905, to Antoinette M. Kupfer of Bridgeport. His religious affiliations are both Congregational and Episcopal, having been brought up in the former faith. Hunting, fishing and autoing are his favorite outdoor pastimes. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers' Association, and since 1900 has been traveling salesman for the Judd Paper Company of Holyoke, Mass., prior to that having been for one year with the Deane Steam Pump Company of Holyoke, Mass. He resides in Fairfield, on Jackman Avenue.

WALTER E. DELANOY

Of New London, was born in Jersey City, N. J., November 30, 1878, receiving an education in the New London public schools. His father was Frank E. Delanoy, native of New London, and his mother is Ida M. Roe Delanoy of Jersey City.

Noble Delanoy has formed no fraternal attachments other than the Masonic and those of the Mystic Shrine. He began his Masonic career early, and has already received the 32° from Connecticut Consistory, becoming a member of the Shrine in Pyramid Temple, November 27, 1905, the number of his enrollment being 1889. His chapter of Rose Croix is Norwich; his council, P. of J., is Van Rensselaer; his Lodge of Perfection, King Solomon; his commandery, Palestine No. 6; his council, R. & S. M., Cushing No. 4; his R. A. Chapter, Union No. 7, and his blue lodge, in which he was first brought to light in Masonry, was Brainard No. 102, in New London.

His business is that of inspector for the New London Gas and Electric Light Company, to which position he was appointed in 1907, having served that company in other capacities from 1889. Noble Delanoy is treasurer of the Konomoc Fire Company of New London, and a member of Nameaug Boat Club. Camping is his favorite pastime, and he delights in scientific reading, bearing on electrical subjects. His business address is 31 Union Street, New London, and his home is at 31 Blackhall Street, same city.

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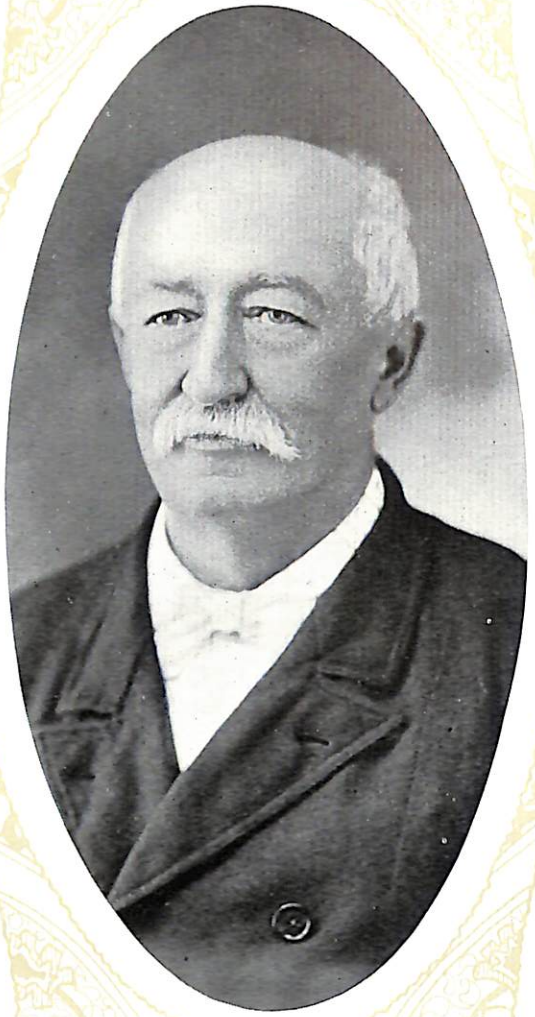

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SEYMOUR R. BEARD

A York Rite Mason of Shelton, became a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 14, 1898, with membership 1305. His Masonic degrees were received from King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Noble Beard is a native of Milford, Conn., having there first seen the light of day, on September 7, 1834. He was also educated in that place, graduating from its high school. His parents were Rogers A. and Martha Baldwin Beard. On December 23, 1859, he was married to Susan C. Baldwin, at her demise, leaving three children: Mrs. Nellie C. Broga, Charles C. and Susie Isabelle. His present wife, to whom he was married on November 26, 1907, was Sarah L. Sears. Noble and Mrs. Beard are Congregationalists. For twenty years he has been a builder and contractor, and prior to that he was engaged in safe manufacturing in St. Louis, Mo., for five years. In 1898 he started in the plumbing business with C. P. Nettleton, with whom he was associated until 1908, when Noble Beard retired. His residence is at 211 Coram Avenue, Shelton.

HARRY RIDER

Was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, his enrollment in that body being 1980. His Masonic connections were previously made with St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 24, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. The other fraternities to which he belongs are: the Odd Fellows, in Our Brothers Lodge No. 10 of Norwalk, and the Red Men, in Uncas Tribe, South Norwalk. He is commodore of East Norwalk Yacht Club, and a member of the Norwalk Board of Education. Noble Rider was born in New York City, August 12, 1857, the son of John B. and Mary Garner Rider. He was married in New Canaan, Conn., in 1885, to Miss Annie H. Willmot. They have one daughter, Mary G. He is an attendant at the Congregational Church, as were also his parents. Hunting, fishing and boating are his favorite pastimes. His business for the past sixteen years has been that of proprietor of a ship chandlery at 612 Water Street, Bridgeport. He resides in Norwalk.

HORACE PIGG

One of the pioneer members of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and assistant master of the wardrobe, is a 33° Mason, bearing Masonic allegiance to St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and the several Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport. Noble Pigg was born in London, Eng., September 22, 1839, receiving an education in the public schools of that place. His parents were Samuel and May Loft Pigg, both natives of England. He was married in London Eng., in August, 1871, to Fannie Young of that place. Their four children are: Hattie, Emma, Horace W., and Ethel Maud. He is of the Congregational faith, which was also that of his parents. When a boy he enjoyed hunting and the game of cricket. From 1866 to 1882 he was a member of the firm of Fray & Pigg, manufacturers of hardware, and from 1882 to the present time, has been in the building and real estate business. He is also interested in experimenting along scientific lines. His residence is at 435 Warren Street, Bridgeport.

JOSEPH E. HUBINGER

A 32° Mason of New Haven was born in Madison, Ind., February 1, 1858, and educated in Falmouth, Ky. He was the son of John F. and Marie Gerard Hubinger, both of German origin, the former of Bavaria, and the latter of Metz. On June 8, 1887, in Boston, Mass., he was united in marriage with Mary F. Morrell of that city, and they have two children: Rene G. and Joseph E., Jr. From 1880 he has been secretary and treasurer in the starch manufacturing business of the J. C. Hubingr Bros. Company. He is also president of the People's Bank and Trust Company, having been so elected in 1909; director of New Haven County National Bank, president of the Eastern Screw and Machine Corporation. In politics a Republican, he served his city four years as police commissioner. Pyramid Temple received him as a noble on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1545. His previously attained York Rite degrees were conferred by Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2 R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. The degrees of the A. A. S. R. were received from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar Club and of Elks No. 25 in New Haven, also of the Union League, Quinnipiack Club and Home Club of Meriden, Conn. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports. He resides at 827 Elm Street, New Haven, and his firm's location is 61 Minor Street, same city.

WILLIAM YOUNG McLEVY

32° Mason of Bridgeport, became a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1905, with enrollment No. 1838, his previous Masonic connections being with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of Pequonnock Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Stratfield Encampment; of Elks Lodge No. 316; the American Order of Red Men No. 30, and of the Loyal Protective Insurance Association of Boston, Mass. Noble McLevy was born in New York City, November 1, 1866. His parents, both of Scottish birth, are George and Mary Young McLevy. He received an education in the public schools of Bridgeport, and attends the Presbyterian Church. His political views are independent. Since 1900 he has been a partner in the firm of George McLevy & Son of Bridgeport, dealers in slate and tile roofing, having previously worked in the business for thirteen years. He resides at 186 Sherwood Avenue.

GEORGE T. JEWELL

A 32° Mason of Republican affiliation and town treasurer of Stratford from 1893, is affiliated with both York and Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, being a past master, also secretary of St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M. He passed through all of the chairs in Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13, and is affiliated with Council of R. & S. M., Commandery, and the several A. A. S. R. bodies in Bridgeport, his consistory being Lafayette. On April 8, 1908, the Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple No. 8, was exemplified on him, his enrollment in that body being 2174. Noble Jewell was born in Stratford, Conn., April 4, 1864, and receiving an education in the public schools of his native town, he then took a course in bookkeeping in the Yale Business College of New Haven. George Jewell, native of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., was his father, and his mother was Mary E. Lewis Jewell, of Stratford. He was married in Stratford, November 2, 1887, to Mary E. Lillingston of that town. Noble Jewell's religious affiliations are Episcopal, as were those of his parents. For fifteen years, he was bookkeeper for W. M. Terry of Bridgeport, but in 1896 he established in Stratford a meat market business, which he has since connected on his own account. He also resides in Stratford.

S. R. Beard

Henry Rider.

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J E Hubinger

Wm M Levy

HERMON E. HUBBARD

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason of Meriden, from 1896 president of the Meriden Lumber Company, and from 1911 of the Hubbard & Jopson Manufacturing Company, began his business career in 1866, as a stair builder and cabinet maker, continuing same until 1903. He is politically prominent, having served as first selectman in 1886-87, and as alderman for the terms 1885-86 and 1894-95, and for the past twelve years on the Board of Park Commissions. Born at Haddam, Conn., on February 11, 1844, he was educated in the public schools of that place. Epaphro D. Hubbard, his father, and Achsah Ann Deckinson Hubbard, his mother, were both natives of Haddam. Noble Hubbard has been twice married: to Lora B. Hale of Glastonbury, Conn., in 1873, the marriage having taken place in Hartford; and to Ellen MacKay, in Meriden, on October 14, 1910. Noble Hubbard resides at 529 Broad Street, Meriden. He gained admittance to the Mystic Shrine through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on May 28, 1888, and was therein enrolled No. 325, his Masonic affiliations having been previously made with Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T.; New Haven Lodge of Perfection; New Haven Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., in Pacific Lodge No. 87, Meriden.

HENRY F. HOPKINS

Ordained a noble in Pyramid Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, with enrollment 1614, has Masonic attachments with Trumbull Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and with the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven and Bridgeport, having been made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory on May 17, 1904. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Hopkins was born in Roxbury, Mass., December 4, 1873, receiving an education in public schools of Massachusetts and Connecticut. His father is Horace E. Hopkins of Olneyville, R. I., and his mother is Charlotte A. Sylvester Hopkins of Easton, Mass. He was married in New Haven, June 4, 1902, to Etta T. Cowles, daughter of Eber Anson and Theresa Romer Cowles of New Haven. They have four children: Helen M., Charlotte T., Hazel Corinne, and Dorothy Frances. They attend the Methodist Church. His favorite outdoor recreations are hunting and fishing. He is a telegraph operator with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, having entered the service in 1889. His residence is at 72 Spring Street, New Haven.

HON. HENRY C. STEVENSON

Lieutenant of Pyramid Temple Arab Patrol since 1905, was inducted into the Order of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 29, 1902, with enrollment No. 1536. His York Rite Masonic degrees were received in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°, in which he served for several years as junior warden.

Noble Stevenson is also a member of both Pequonnock Lodge and Stratfield Encampment of the I. O. O. F., being grand marshal of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, and chairman of the important Standing Committee on the State of the Order of the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut. He is enrolled in the Algonquin, Sea Side Outing, Bridgeport Yacht, and Brooklawn Clubs, and is a member of the "Sons of the American Revolution." He is also a member of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church at Bridgeport.

In politics Noble Stevenson is a Republican. He was judge of the Bridgeport City Court, 1903-07; deputy judge of the Bridgeport Probate Court, 1899-1903, and deputy coroner of Fairfield County, with tenure of office, 1908-12. He was also president of the Board of Aldermen and acting mayor of the city of Bridgeport during 1899-1903.

Noble Stevenson was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on July 15, 1873; attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school in Bridgeport in 1891; from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University in 1894, and from Yale Law School, in 1897. His father was Colonel William H. Stevenson of Bridgeport, who was also a high Mason and a Shriner. Noble Stevenson is the author of a volume entitled: "Connecticut Probate Law,"—a standard text-book, which is used throughout the State in the courts and law offices. He was admitted to the bar in 1897. He enlisted in the State Military Service in 1904, and at the time of his retirement therefrom in 1908, held the office of captain in command of Company B of Third Connecticut Infantry.

Noble Stevenson resides in Bridgeport, at No. 281 Golden Hill Street. Since 1903 he has been engaged in the practice of law, as senior partner in the firm of Stevenson & Wilson, located in the Warner Building, at No. 83 Fairfield Avenue, in Bridgeport. He is unmarried.

OSWALD ULLRICH

Of German birth and parentage, was born September 24, 1856, receiving an education in his fatherland. His father was Fred William Ullrich, and his mother is Caroline Miller Ullrich. Noble Ullrich was brought up in the Lutheran faith. December 28, 1885, he was married in Ansonia, to Agnes Hugo of New Haven. They have two children: Flora Marguerite and Peter William. His business is that of cigar manufacturing, in which he has been engaged for the past twenty-seven years, since 1884.

He was made a Mason in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., in Ansonia; was exalted in Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35, also in Ansonia; admitted to the ninth arch in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., in Derby, and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. He is, likewise, a member of the Odd Fellows, in Naugatuck Lodge No. 63, in Ansonia, and of the Ansonia German Club.

His business address is 64 Main Street, and his residence, 48 Franklin Street, both in Ansonia.

CAPTAIN MARK L. GILBERT

Enrolled as 2132, in the roster of Pyramid Temple, became a noble of the Mystic Shrine, on December 9, 1907. He is a York Rite Mason, and his degrees were received in Polar Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Bath, Me.; Charity and Relief Chapter No. 72, R. A. M.; Mystic Council, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T. Noble Gilbert was a sea captain from 1889 until 1907, when he retired and was for three years ship agent, at the end of which time, in 1910, he engaged in the manufacture of linen goods. Noble Gilbert was born in Bristol, Me., December 15, 1878, and attended the public schools there, later taking a course in the Rockland Business College. His father is Daniel H. Gilbert, native of Isle of Haunt, Me., and his mother was Evelyn Foster Gilbert of Boothbay, Me. Marie D. Passmore of Bath, Me., became his wife on March 30, 1903, and their two children are: Mark L., Jr., born in 1904, and Dorothy Adeline, in 1909. Their religious belief is Congregational. Hunting and fishing are his favorite diversions. His residence and business location are both in Mystic.

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CHARLES H. TREDENNICK

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1582. Noble Tredennick was born in Cornwall, Eng., September 6, 1858, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Ann (Hall) Tredennick, coming with his parents first to Halifax, Can., then to Cheshire, Conn., about 1869, where he finished his education. After several years of a successful business career in Boston and New York he located in Meriden and became associated in the teaming and express business, is treasurer of The H. T. Smith Express Company, the leading concern in that line in Meriden. For several years was president of the Meriden Board of Trade, and has also served as president of the Meriden Business Men's Association. He is an active and influential member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, a member of the Home, Colonial and Highland Country Clubs of Meriden. June 10, 1884, at Meriden, he was married to Nellie L. Smith, daughter of Horace T. and Adaline (Allen) Smith. They have one son, Charles M., born February 18, 1895. Noble Tredennick is a member of Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; a past commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., all of Meriden, and of the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite, receiving the thirty-second degree in Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport.

JOSEPH HENRY STAGG

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, and player of cornet in Pyramid Temple Band, was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 14, 1898, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 1211. His previous Masonic attachments were with St. John's Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., in Stratford; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., in Bridgeport; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and he is a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret in Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution; of the Sons of Veterans' Association, and of the Sea Side Club. His business connection is that of president and treasurer of the Hawley Hardware Company of Bridgeport. He was born in New York City, September 12, 1862, and received both preliminary and college training under the private tutorship of Frederick Sedgwick of Stratford, Conn. His parents are Henry P. and Mary King Stagg, his father being of Stratford, and his mother, of New York nativity. He was married to Emily Traganowan of Dover, N. J., on November 19, 1890. Their three children are: Helen T., J. Henry, Jr., and Dwight E. T. He is an attendant at the St. John's Episcopal Church of Bridgeport, and he resides in Bridgeport, at 151 West Avenue.

LACEY R. BLACKMAN

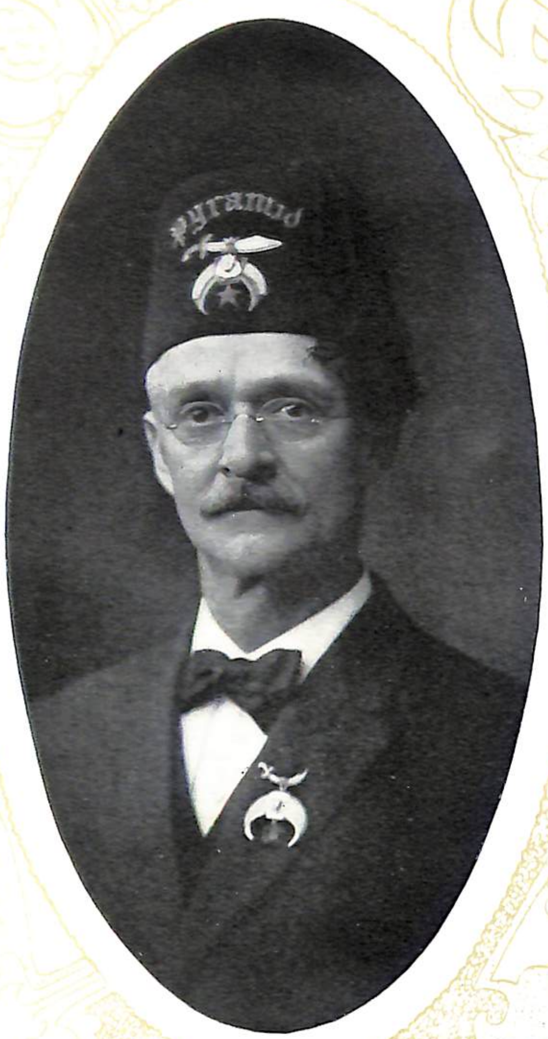
A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, an Arab, and a noble in Pyramid Temple, was received in that illustrious body of the A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, and enrolled therein 1609. His Masonic connections are with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is, likewise, a member of the I. O. O. F., in Pequonnock Lodge in Bridgeport. In politics he is a Republican and chairman of the Connecticut Commercial Travelers' Association, also of the Board, and director and president of the Nutmeg State Commercial Travelers' Health Association. Noble Blackman was born in Bridgeport, Conn., June 29, 1874, and was educated in the public schools of his home city. He was the son of Henry L. and Ida M. Barass Blackman, the former a native of Newtown, Conn., and the latter of China, where her father was four years the proprietor of a hotel. During the period of her childhood she learned and spoke the Chinese language fluently. Noble Blackman was married in Bridgeport, October 19, 1899, to Anna M. Gregory, daughter of Charles R Gregory. Of outdoor sports he prefers golf and autoing. His business career began in 1894, when at the age of twenty, he became a commercial traveler for Swift and Company, in which employ he continued for fourteen years until 1907, when he became interested in the business of real estate and fire insurance, as junior member of the firm of Henry Blackman and Son, 54 Middle Street, Bridgeport. He also resides in Bridgeport, at 1178 Park Avenue.

WILLIAM R. SILVA

Entered the Unseen Temple on January 18, 1910. He was a 32° Mason, and first saw Masonic light in Hiram Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M. He also belonged to New Haven Royal Arch Chapter, New Haven Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the Bridgeport bodies, in which he severally held membership, and he was received in Pyramid Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on December 4, 1904, with enrollment 1738. He was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in the Bridgeport Lodge. His political affiliations were Republican. He was proprietor of the "Why" restaurants in Bridgeport, New Haven, and Stamford, and was one of the pioneers in the lunch business in the State of Connecticut. Noble Silva was born in Ellsworth, Me., in 1864, and attended the public schools in his native place, and later took a commercial school course in Bangor, Me. His father was William R. Silva, Sr., of Ellsworth, Me., and his mother, Harriet Elizabeth Black Silva, was a native of Sedgwick, Me. They, too, have passed away. His marriage to Annie Marie Lord of Westville, daughter of James and Susan Shamp Lord, both of English birth, was solemnized in New Haven, on June 12, 1890. Besides his widow the lamented noble left two daughters: Harriet E., born July 5, 1905; Susan L., January 25, 1907; and two sons: William R., born July 16, 1901, and Raymond J., June 7, 1909. His upbringing was in the Baptist faith, though he later became an Episcopalian. His favorite pastimes were fishing and boating, and in reading his preference was history. The family home is in Bridgeport, at 592 Fairfield Avenue.

LEANDER A. FARNHAM

Admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 18, 1906, with enrollment 2005, has Masonic connections with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Prior to locating in New Haven, he was connected with the electrical trade in Boston, and lent assistance in building several large plants in Boston, Lynn and Chelsea. He was also connected with the Old Boston and Lynn Street Railway Company, and for the past seventeen years has been chief engineer of the Connecticut Electric Power Company, located at 1458 Grand Avenue, New Haven, having assisted in the erection of the station on Grand Avenue, in 1894. On June 18, 1867, Noble Farnham was born in Boothbay, Me., and there received a public school education, graduating from the high school, after which he took special courses in steam and electrical engineering in Boston. His parents were Harvey and Martha (Fowler) Farnham, both of Boothbay. He was married in New York City, February 11, 1900, to Edith Perry of Norwalk, Conn. He has seven children. They are: Hattie, Mary O., Alice M., Lena, Anna, Martha and Noma. He was brought up in the Congregational Church, but now with his family he attends the Episcopal Church. He resides at 146 Shelton Avenue, New Haven.



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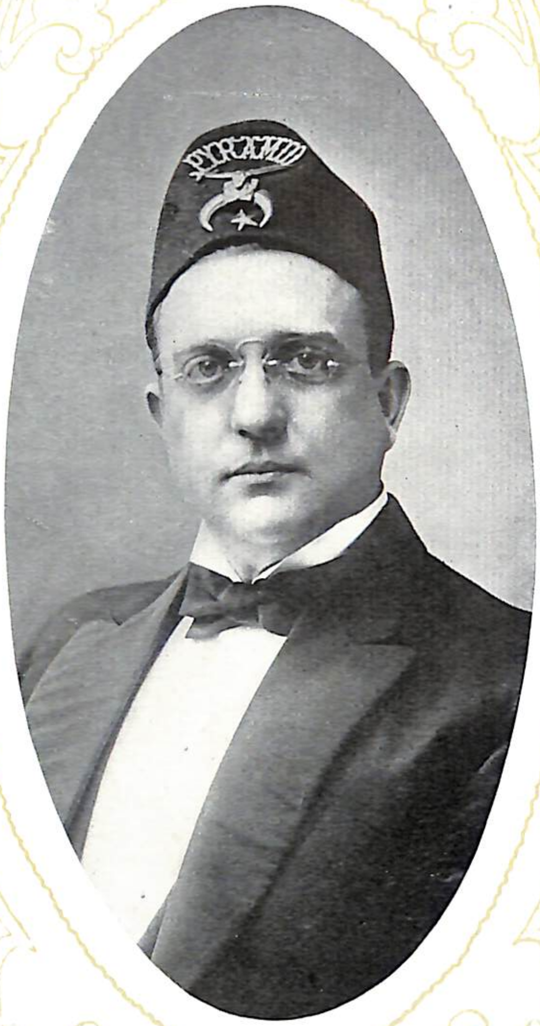

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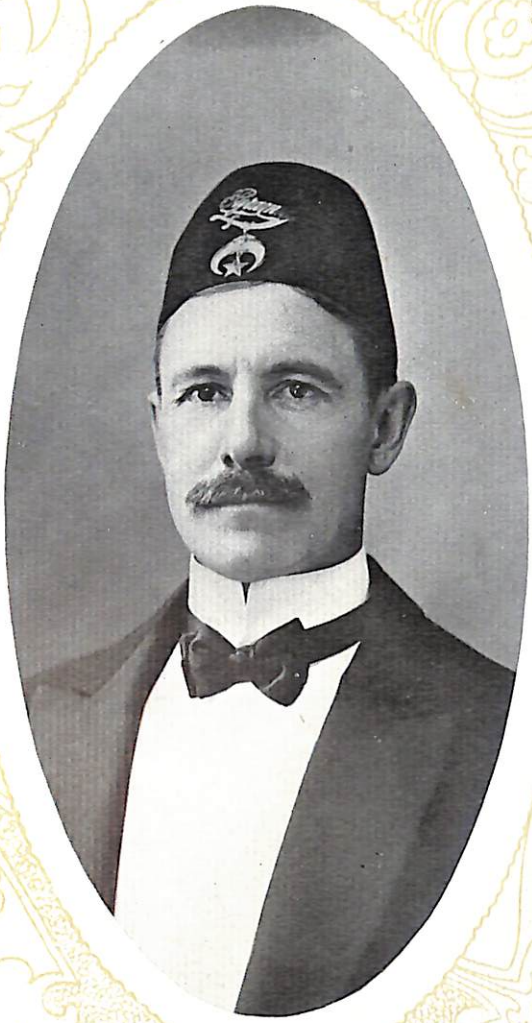

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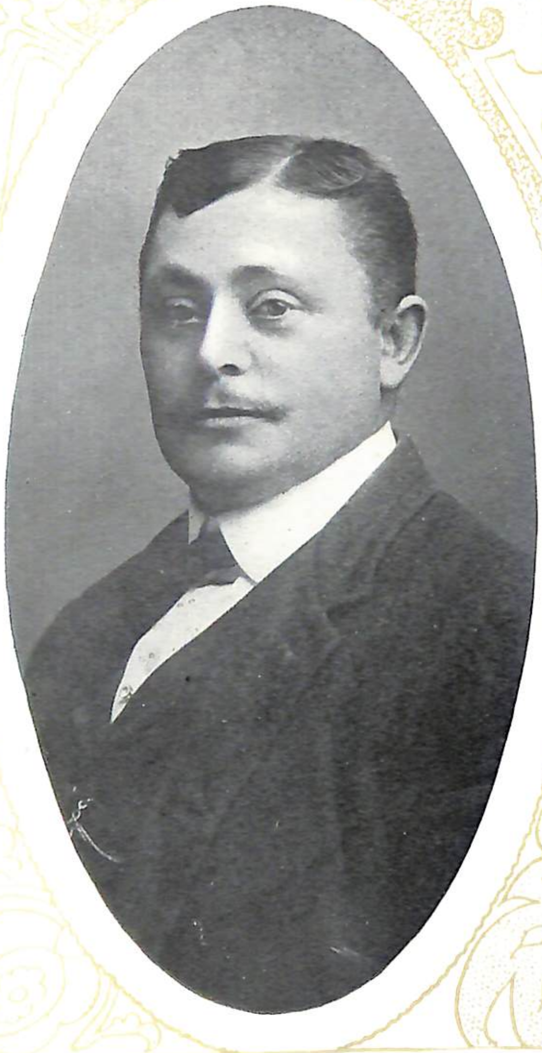

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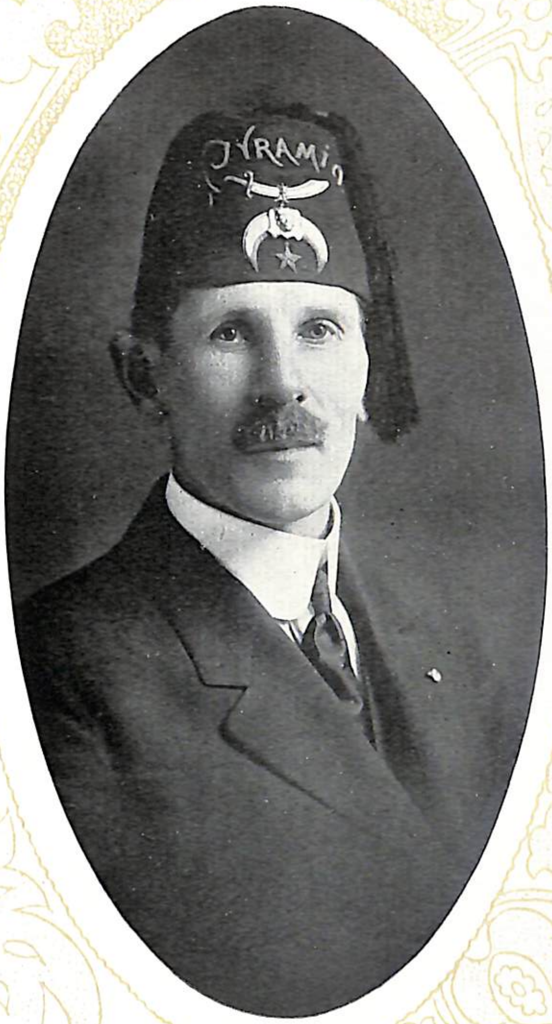

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WILLIAM T. WOODIN

For the past seven years superintendent of public works of Danbury, was elected to that post by the Republican Party in 1904, and for fourteen years prior to that time was engaged in contracting and carpentering. Noble Woodin was born in Duchess County, N. Y., on November 18, 1856. He received an education in the public schools of his native place, and Eastman's Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and for seven years taught school in his native State. His parents were Albert and Mary Townsend Woodin, both of New York. He was married, in Danbury, May 16, 1883, to Minnie Bradley, daughter of Harrison and Jane A. Griffith Bradley of that place.

Noble Woodin entered Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, on November 23, 1908, and was enrolled 2211. His preliminary Masonic affiliations were with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He is also a member of Progressive Lodge No. 18, of the Odd Fellows, in Danbury.

Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, also the reading of politics and history. His residence is at 12 Crane Street, Danbury.

PAUL NELSON DANN

An affiliate noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on November 27, 1905, with enrollment 1920, has Masonic connections with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is a member of the Graduates' Club, the Lawn and Country Clubs, all of New Haven, of the Yale Club of New York, and is a Republican and a Methodist. Noble Dann was born in New Haven, Conn., August 24, 1877, and graduated from Yale University, in the class of 1899, having taken a special course in civil engineering. His parents are Isaac N. and Mary Weed Dann. Since September 1, 1899, he has been secretary of the Rattan Manufacturing Company of New Haven. He resides at 9 St. Ronan Terrace, New Haven.

EDWARD C. GREENING

An Arab in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was received into the nobility of that body on April 25, 1904, the number of his enrollment being 1757. He had previously affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., which he is serving as senior steward; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a charter member of the Sons of St. George, and of the Algonquin Club. Since 1884 he has been general manager for the Village Store Company. Noble Greening was born in Wilstone Herts, Eng., January 3, 1864, having been the son of Joseph Wyatt Greening of Hertford, Eng., and Sarah Elizabeth Slater Greening of Orton, of Leistershire, Eng. He there received an education and supplemented same by a commercial course in Mark Young's Commercial School of Herts, Eng. In 1897 he was married to Pauline F. C. Greening, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ives Greening of Bridgeport. Their children are: Chester Wyatt and Edith Pauline. He is independent in politics, and in religious belief, an Episcopalian; is fond of outdoor sports, and his business address is 240 State Street, Bridgeport, while his home is at 626 Clinton Avenue, same city.

JACOB G. IRVING

Proprietor of the J. G. Irving Silk Works, established in Danbury in 1895, and prior to that, from 1880, proprietor of a hat and supply business, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., August 1, 1856, receiving an education in the district schools of Danbury. His father was Joseph Irving of Scottish birth, and his mother, Gertrude Lermen Irving, was a native of Germany. He was married in Danbury, September 3, 1879, to Miss Ellen F. Allstadt of Danbury, daughter of Abram and Mary E. Stone Allstadt, the former of German origin, and the latter of Danbury. Noble Irving is of the Methodist persuasion.

His society attachments include none other than those Masonic and of the Shrine. The former were first made, and are: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., all in Danbury. He was subsequently admitted to the Shrine via Pyramid's portals, on November 27, 1906, his membership in that illustrious body being numbered 1876..

Autoing is his favorite pastime, and he enjoys all outdoor sports. He is a member of the Danbury Club and a director of the Savings Bank of Danbury. His business address is No. 6 Highland Avenue, Danbury, and his home, 104 Rose Hill, same city.

EDWARD A. KLATTE

A 32° Mason of Seymour, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 15, 1903, having been previously entered, passed and raised in Quaboog Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Warren, Mass.; exalted in Evening Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M., in Seymour, in which he is a past high priest; received and greeted in Union Council No. 29, R. & S. M., in Derby, and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., which he is serving as captain general. He received his Scottish Rite degrees in the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and is allied with the Knights of Pythias of Seymour, in Humphrey Lodge No. 26. In principle he is a Republican, and served his town as chairman of its Board of Education from 1907 to 1909. Noble Klatte was born in Bangor, Me., on June 3, 1860, of German parentage, his parents having been William F. and Caroline Birlum Klatte. He was married in Port Chester, N. Y., on February 13, 1885, to Harriet Montgomery, formerly of Canada. Their one child, Louis E., was born June 4, 1889. Noble Klatte was brought up a Methodist, and is affiliated with that denomination. From 1899, he has been proprietor of the Seymour Iron Foundry, on North Main Street, Seymour. His residence is at 3 Clifton Avenue.

CHARLES H. TAYLOR

Born in Port Jefferson, N. Y., December 19, 1861, received an education in the elementary and high schools of his native place. His parents were William Corlies and Samantha J. Patty Taylor, both having been natives of Monmouth County, N. J. His late wife, Nelly A. Fry, daughter of Charles A. and Harriet Fanton Fry of Danbury, to whom he was married in that city on October 8, 1891, passed away June 3, 1904, leaving a daughter, Harriet Corlies, born in Danbury, April 2, 1892. Noble Taylor's religious affiliations are Congregational, and his parents were also of that faith. His favorite reading is history, science, and standard works. He attained to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 2, 1903, with membership No. 1562, having been previously qualified as a Mason in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., which he served as senior warden for two years; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., of which he is past thrice illustrious master, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. Noble Taylor is in the hat manufacturing business with the Fay Gorman Company of Bethel, being in charge of their trimming department and purchaser for same from 1908 to the present time. He resides at 13 Terrace Place, Danbury.

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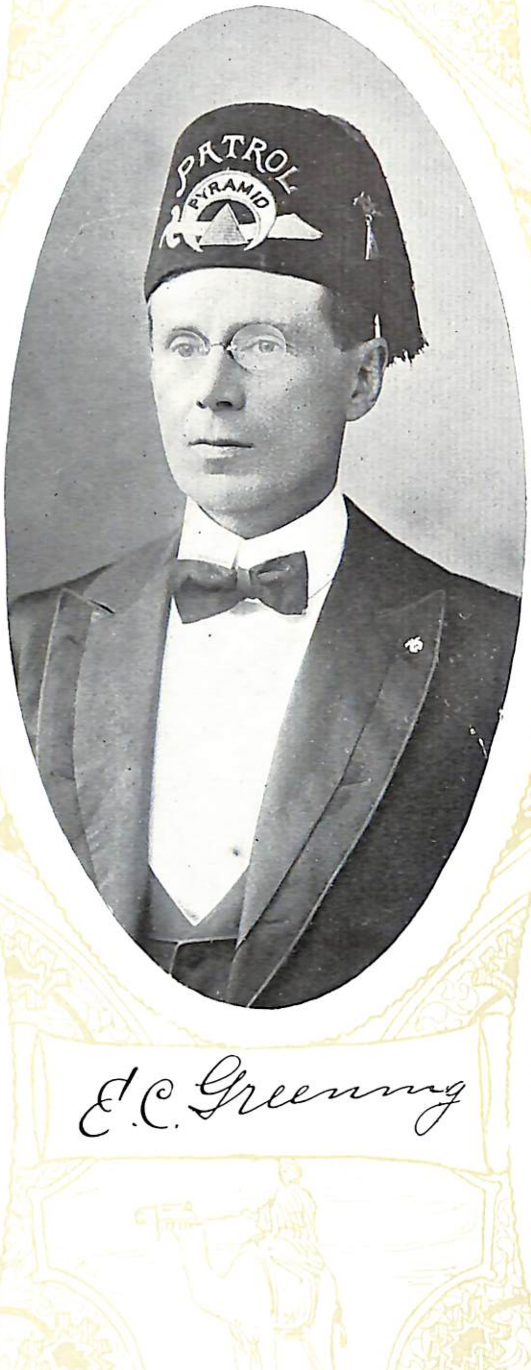
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EDWARD F. BISHOP

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 14, 1904, with enrollment 1788, has Masonic connections with St. Albans Lodge No. 38, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Bishop was born in Guilford, Conn., on March 11, 1852, and attended public and private schools in Titusville, Penn. His parents were Elijah Chapman and Charlotte Griffin Fowler Bishop. He was married in Guilford, Conn., on February 19, 1878, to Anna G. Spencer of that city, by whom he has three children: Mrs. Edna F. Bemis, Frederick Chapman and Charles Edward. His present wife, to whom he was married on May 19, 1897, was Miss Edith F. Ashley. For twenty-two years, from 1878, he was engaged in blacksmithing, but from 1900 he has been interested in real estate as a business, conducting same at 35 George Street, New Haven. He resides at Guilford, Conn.

FREDERICK C. BISHOP

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 1, 1903, his enrollment therein being 1711, and his Shrine qualifications were attained through his Masonic affiliation with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. The degrees of the A. A. S. R. he received from the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, likewise, a member of the Knights Templar Club, and is affiliated with the Odd Fellows of New Haven, in Crosswell Lodge No. 39. Noble Bishop was born in New Haven, Conn., October 5, 1880, and was educated in the public schools of his native city. His father is Edward F. Bishop of Guilford, Conn., and Anna G. Spencer Bishop was his mother. On December 29, 1909, he was married in Baltimore, Md., to Mary Ware Williar of that city. They have a son, Frederick Ware, born, March 27, 1911. Religiously, Noble Bishop is an Episcopalian, and was reared in that faith. He has acquired a large fund of information through traveling in this and foreign countries. Since 1900 he has been in the New Haven real estate brokerage firm of E. F. & F. C. Bishop, at 35 George Street, his residence being at 726 George Street, also in New Haven.

WILLIAM FERRIS PADDOCK

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, has received all of his Masonic degrees from the Bridgeport bodies, and was admitted to the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple on October 23, 1889, with enrollment 450. Noble Paddock was born in Bridgeport, Conn., the last day of the year 1849, and there received a public school education. His parents were William Wallace and Cynthia Paddock, the former of New York, and the latter of Danbury. He was twice married: in 1870 to Sarah Meecham, daughter of William Meecham of Bridgeport; and in 1875, to Ella Jones, daughter of Samuel Jones of Bridgeport. He has one daughter, Edith. His parents were Episcopalians, as also is his wife, while he is a Methodist, and in politics a Republican. He is fond of all outdoor sports, and of historical reading. His residence is at 71 Fremont Street, Bridgeport. Covering a period of forty-seven years from 1864, he has been a jeweler and optician in Bridgeport, his business location being 1003 Broad Street.

GEORGE A. BOOTH

Initiated into the mysteries of the Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 10, 1900, with enrollment 1417, is connected with Masonry in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Booth was born in Peacedale, R. I., February 11, 1855, and there attended the public school, and later, the Russell Military School in New Haven. After graduating from Bellevue College of Nebraska, he took a post graduate course in Yale University. His parents were George and May Jane (Hudson) Booth, both natives of England. He was married in Rhode Island, on June 8, 1880, to Annie Dixon of Peacedale, R. I., and they have three children: George A., Jr., Ethel, and Ellsworth. He is a member of the Congregational Church. Traveling and motoring are his chief recreations, and he also enjoys the reading of scientific literature. For seven years he was instructor in the New Haven High School, and since 1897 he has been principal of the Booth Preparatory School of New Haven. His residence is 124 High Street, New Haven.

WILLIAM SHELDON POOLE

Entered, passed and raised in Masonry, in Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., in Stamford; was advanced and exalted in Rittenhouse R. A. Chapter No. 11, in which he served as principal sojourner; was made a member of Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., which he is serving as deputy illustrious master, and he received the templar orders in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., of which he is a member. Through the medium of the latter he was admitted to the Order of the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid's portals, and was ennobled on May 13, 1908, his enrollment being 2204, where he holds life membership in that illustrious body. Noble Poole was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, January 3, 1865, and there received a public school education. His father was Captain Peter Poole of same nativity, as is his mother, Alice Sallow Poole. Noble Poole was brought up an Episcopalian. He is foreman for the Stamford Foundry Company, of 127 Canal Street, Stamford, having filled that position from 1901. For the previous eight years he was employed in the foundry of the General Electrical Company, Lynn, Mass., prior to which, he had ten years' experience in the tobacco business in Lynn. He resides at 8 Relay Place, Stamford.

RAYMOND H. THOMAS

No. 203,415 in the A. A. O. N. M. S., was ennobled in Pyramid Temple, on November 20, 1911, and previously qualified as a Mason in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., in which he is at present senior warden; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., which he served as scribe; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., where he is steward, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., being its triangle guard. Noble Thomas was born in Mine Hill, N. J., October 29, 1884, the son of William H. and Sarah (Leggo) Thomas, the former, a native of Redruth, Eng., and the latter, of New Jersey. He gained an education in the public schools of Ansonia, and graduated from Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1903, with the class in S. and M. D. He enjoys baseball and basketball as sports. His business experience was acquired in the employ of the New York Telephone Company, with whom he was for two years, after which he went to the Birmingham Iron Foundry of Derby, where he remained five years, and for the past two years has been with the Farrel Foundry and Machine Company of Ansonia. He resides in Ansonia.

Edward F. Bishopf

Frederick C. Bishop.

Wm H Paddock

George A. Booth

William S. Poole

BENJAMIN L. LAMBERT, M. D.

Initiated into the mysteries of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 28, 1893, with enrollment No. 973, is also Masonically enrolled in the following bodies: Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is an ex-member of the Knights Templar Club, and a past master of the Ancient Order of United Workmen; past chancellor in the Order of the Knights of Pythias; past archon in the Independent Order of Heptasophs; a member of the Mystic Circle. For eight years he has been police surgeon, and is ex-president of the Medical Society, which he served in that capacity for two years; was vice-president of the Board of Aldermen for one and a half years, and president of that body four and a half years; chairman of the Lamp Committee for four and a half years; member of the Board of Finance for two years, and park commissioner for two years. He is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Connecticut Medical Society, the County Medical Association, and the New Haven Medical Association. Dr. Lambert entered his profession in 1883, after graduating from Yale University and the University of the City of New York. He has made a specialty of children's diseases. Noble Lambert was born in New Haven, Conn., February 18, 1856, and received his preliminary education in the public schools there, graduating from grammar and high schools, and Yole University. His father was Dennison D. Lambert, born in Milford, Conn., and his mother, Jane A. Hinman Lambert of Southbury. He was married in Derby, Conn., December 15, 1881, to Mary Durant Gilbert of that place. They have had two children: Harold D. and Dorothea Jane, both of whom have passed away. Their religious belief is Congregational. His favorite pastimes are driving and polo, and he is the surgeon on his team. Dr. Lambert has taken a prominent part in the organization of a great many orders, and is past grand chancellor of the United Friends. He is also greatly interested in all outdoor sports. He resides at 578 Howard Avenue, New Haven.

CHARLES H. P. WIDMER

Superintendent of the Tweedy Silk Mills, Inc., having been appointed to that post in 1902, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., December 16, 1875. He received an education in the public schools of Brooklyn and New York City, to which was added a course in mechanical engineering. His father was Charles Widmer, of German birth, and his mother's maiden name was Fredericka Steale. She also is of German origin. On June 19, 1900, he was married to Martha W. Werner, daughter of Henry Werner of Brooklyn, N. Y. They have two children, Charles R. and Louise M. Noble Widmer is an adherent of the Congregational Church, and was brought up in that faith. His fraternal attachments combine Freemasonry, the Royal Arcanum, and the Mystic Shrine. His Masonic bodies are: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., which he is serving as senior steward; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23, being master of the 3d veil; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. Sir Knight Widmer was granted admission to Pyramid Temple of the Shrine on April 5, 1906, when he was duly made a noble in that illustrious body with membership 1950. He resides in Danbury, at 59 Maple Avenue.

GEORGE G. BEERS

A 32° Mason and member of the Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to its nobility on December 1, 1903, with enrollment 1717, his York Rite degrees having been conferred by St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., where he is thrice illustrious master, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., which he is serving as warder. His A. A. S. R. degrees came from the Bridgeport bodies. Noble Beers first saw the light of day in Bridgeport, Conn., May 8, 1876, and was educated in the public and private schools of his native city, and the Military Academy of Fairfield, N. Y. His father was Charles A. Beers, born in Easton, Conn., and passed onward, May 1, 1890; and his mother, Ann Amelia Gould Beers, native of Fairfield, Conn., departed this natural life in August, 1908. He was married in Bridgeport, January 21, 1900, to Emma E. Wheeler of that city, and they have one child, Gladys. Noble Beers is an adherent of Methodism, and is fond of all outdoor sports. He is treasurer and manager of the Beers Sales Company, which he organized in 1910, with headquarters at 60 Cannon Street, Bridgeport. He resides at 1035 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport.

CHARLES W. REED

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 9, 1907, with membership 2170. He received his York Rite degrees from Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees, his consistorial degree having been conferred by Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar Club, and of the New England Order of Protection. Noble Reed is a native of Bath, Me., and was born November 6, 1866, receiving a public school education in Portland, Me. His parents were William P. and Mary Rose Reed, the former a native of Connecticut, and the latter of Gardner, Me. He has been twice married. His first wife was Catherine I. Spear, of Windham, Me., and they were married August 29, 1887. They have one daughter, Mrs. David R. Grant. His present wife was Mary E. Moore of New Haven, and they have two children: William H. and Florence F. His favorite pastimes are hunting and fishing. His business for the past twenty years has been that of a contracting stevedore, and he resides at No. 68 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven.

THOMAS W. JOYCE

Manager of The Joyce Press, 196 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1905, his enrollment number being 1914. December 18, of same year, he was chosen one of the Arab Patrol of Pyramid. He first saw Masonic light on June 7, 1899, in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; on September 11, 1903; advanced to Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 13, April 11, 1904, passed into Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; on April 13, 1906, was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; April 10, 1906, attained his fourteenth degree in Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; February 19, 1906, proceeded into Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and was made a thirty-second degree Mason in Lafayette Consistory, March 26, 1906. He is also a member of S. H. Harris Lodge No. 99, Stratfield Encampment, I. O. O. F., and of the Algonquin Club.

Noble Joyce was born in Stepney, Conn., December 7, 1871, the son of Henry E. and Rachel A. Hyden Joyce, his father having passed away. He was married in Bridgeport, October 23, 1895, to Ida E. Buckingham, daughter of Walter T. and in that city, at 276 Montauk Avenue. Autoing is his favorite Helen E. Tolles Buckingham. They have a son and a daughter: Louis B,, born October 19, 1896, and Helen L., May 2, 1898. Their home is at 27 Tom Thumb Street, Bridgeport.

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FRANK HALL MYERS

Of the Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple, was ennobled in that illustrious body of the Mystic Shrine, on May 16, 1910, and is Masonically affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and with the Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport, including Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, which conferred on him his thirty-second degree. He also claims membership with Bridgeport Lodge No. 289, of the Loyal Order of Moose; Wowompum Tribe No. 40, I. O. R. M., and Yale Masonic Club. April 17, 1884, marked the date of Noble Myers' birth, in Bridgeport, Conn., the son of George W. and Isabel Frazer Myers. He attended the Bridgeport public and high schools, later supplementing his education by a course in the Yale Law School. On January 27, 1911, he was married in Hoboken, N. J., to Marie A. Pastine, daughter of Bartholomew and Colombia Pastine. They have one daughter, Isabel C., born January 19, 1912. He is an adherent of the Congregational Church, is a lover of all outdoor recreations, especially autoing and baseball, and is an interested reader of fiction and history. In politics Noble Myers claims independence. For the past two years he has been connected with the Warner Brothers Company, for six years previous having been engaged in business with T. L. Watson and Company, bankers and brokers. He makes his home at 149 Westfield Avenue, Bridgeport.

MAYNARD L. SMITH

Bears Masonic allegiance to Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., being therein a past thrice illustrious master, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Through the medium of the latter he was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, on April 9, 1906, with enrollment 1954. He is also a member of the Knights Templar and Union League Clubs of New Haven. In 1911 he was appointed manager for the Sealshipt Oyster System, the eight years prior to that date having been traveling salesman in the oyster business of Jeremiah Smith and Sons. Noble Smith was born in New Haven, Conn., January 16, 1884, and was educated in the public schools of New Haven, the Booth Preparatory School, Hudson River Institute, and Dickenson College of Pennsylvania. His parents were Elwood H. and Ella Frances Bouton Smith, both natives of Connecticut. He was united in marriage with Anna May Macdonald of New Haven, in that city, on September 26, 1907, she passing away October 10, 1911. Noble Smith is an Episcopalian. His business address is South Water Street, New Haven, and he also resides in that city, at 81 Howard Avenue.

WILLIAM L. WARD

A York Rite Mason of Seymour, and for the past twenty-two years, in the house furnishing and undertaking business of that town, is also vice-president of the Seymour Trust Company; of the Seymour Metal Goods Company, and president of the Public Library. In 1898, on the Republican ticket, he was elected town treasurer, and continues to fill that office. He first saw Masonic Light in Shepherd Lodge No. 78, A. F. & A. M., Naugatuck; was exalted in Allerton Chapter No. 39, R. A. M., Naugatuck; and was then dimitted to join Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Through the medium of his commandery, he was created a Mystic Noble in the Pyramid Temple body of the A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 1, 1903. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. in Seymour, in Mechanics' Lodge No. 73, and of the Improved Order of Red Men in Nonnawauk Lodge No. 9. Noble Ward is a native of Naugatuck, Conn., was born October 31, 1858, and was educated in his native town. His father was James B. Ward of Naugatuck, and his mother is Jane E. Hotchkiss Ward, native of Bethany. On July 10, 1889, occurred his marriage to Lula J. Tolles of Naugatuck. They reside in Seymour at the corner of Church and West Streets, and his business address is 26 Bank Street, Seymour.

WESTON E. ROSWELL

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 13, 1908, with enrollment 2185, holds Masonic membership in Seneca Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter No. 45, R. A. M.; Buell Council No. 14, R. & S. M.; Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T.; and in the Waterbury bodies of the Scottish Rite, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, likewise, affiliated with the I. O. O. F. in Ridgely Lodge in Torrington, and White Oak Encampment, of which he is a charter member, having held various offices therein. He is also a member of the Torrington Club; ex-member of the Fire Company, and is honorary member of same. Noble Roswell was born in Woodbury, Conn., March 28, 1876, and was there educated in public and private schools, later graduating in plumbing and steam-fitting from the New York Trade School. He is the son of George E. Roswell, native of Woodbury, and Mary J. Hood Roswell, formerly of Thompsonville. He resides in Torrington, on South Main Street, and his business address is the Morrison Plumbing and Steam Fitting Company of 84-88 Water Street, Torrington, where he has been superintendent since 1906, having entered their employ fifteen years before, as apprentice.

EDWARD WIER SMITH, M. D.

Was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, with membership No. 2020, having previously received his York Rite degrees in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. He has been a general practitioner and surgeon since 1882, and is a member of the Connecticut State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and American Academy of Medicine. Born October 17, 1854, in Meriden, Conn., Noble Smith received his early education in that place, and his academic training in Yale University, from which he graduated in 1878, receiving his medical degree from the McGill Medical School in 1882. His parents were David and Fidelea Parker Smith, both born and reared in Connecticut. On October 14, 1885, he was married to Helen Bertha Rice, daughter of Oliver and Mary A. Caldwell Rice of Meriden. They have two children Marion Rice, born June 26, 1887, and David Parker, May 7, 1889. Noble Smith is a member of the Home, Colonial and Highland Clubs, and he was on the baseball team of Yale University. His favorite sports are baseball and golf, and his reading preference is for medical, scientific, and historical works. His professional address is 34 West Main Street, Meriden, and his home is also in Meriden, on Bradley Avenue.

DEAN FOSTER, M. D.

On November 22, 1909, was admitted to the rank of noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, and was therein enrolled as No. 2275. He first saw Masonic light in Anthony Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M., of Kansas; was advanced and exalted in Harper R. A. Chapter, and knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were received from the Bridgeport bodies, including his 32° from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. Born in Edwardsburg, Mich., March 7, 1870, he was educated in public and private schools, graduating from the University of Kansas, and the Yale Medical School, from which he received the degree of M. D.

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W. L. Ward

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FREDERICK WOOD

A 32° Mason of Stamford, was born in Phillipsport, N. Y., July 18, 1866, and graduated from the public schools of his native place in 1885, later taking a course in drafting. He engaged in the carpentering industry in 1886, while since 1901, he has been doing contracting and building on his own account. His father was William H. Wood, native of Goshen, N. Y., and his mother is Sarah Stevens Wood, also a native of Goshen. On October 2, 1889, he was married in Middletown, N. Y., to Jennie Boothroyd of Phillipsport, N. Y., daughter of James G. and Rebecca Boothroyd. Their three children are: Nellie B., James and Alice. He became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 13, 1908, with enrollment 2207, having previously been granted knighthood in Masonry, in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in Norwalk. His entrance to the Masonic Order was made in Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., in Stamford. He received the capitular degrees in Rittenhouse R. A. Chapter No. 11, was admitted to the ninth arch in Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and received the A. A. S. R. degrees in the Bridgeport bodies, including Lafayette Consistory. Noble Wood is also affiliated with the Odd Fellows, in Rippowan Lodge, and with the Knights of Pythias in Excelsior Lodge, both in Stamford. He is a Methodist, and resides at 57 William Street, Stamford.

THOMAS W. HALL

Of Torrington, was born in Litchfield, Conn., August 6, 1875, and received an education in the public schools of his native town. His father was William H. Hall, native of Waterbury, and his mother is Anne Hinchliff Hall of English birth. Noble Hall was brought up as a Congregationalist, and he is a member of that denomination. He enjoys all outdoor sports, and is fond of literature in general. In 1892, he became an apprentice in the employ of The Hendey Machine Company of Torrington, manufacturers of machine tools, and having become an expert in that line, has for the past eleven years, from 1900, been draughtsman for that company. His former business connections were with the Torrington Manufacturing Company, the Excelsior Needle Company, and the Coe Brass Company. In his fraternal attachments, he combines Freemasonry, Odd Fellowship and the Mystic Shrine. His Masonic affiliations are with Seneca Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter No. 45, R. A. M., of which he is a past high priest; Buell Council No. 20, R. & S. M.; Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., and the several Scottish Rite bodies, which include those of Waterbury, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°, in Bridgeport. He was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 13, 1908, the number of his enrollment in that body being 2184. His I. O. O. F. Lodge is Ridgely No. 51, in which he is a past grand; his encampment, White Oak No. 35, and he belongs to Rebekah Lodge No. 37, all in Torrington. He also resides in Torrington, at 24 Daycoeton Place.

JOHN H. RICHARDSON

Was born in London, Eng., August 29, 1865, the son of John Richardson of that place. Noble Richardson passed his early life in London, and in Ayr, Scotland. In Northampton, Eng., he attended a boarding school and also a preparatory school for King's College, London. Before reaching manhood, he left his native country, and coming to America, enterel into business relations with Goddard & Sons, dry goods merchants of New York City. Here, on January 29, 1890, he was married to May Adams Edmunds of Staten Island. They have three children: Charles Oscar, John Edmunds, and Ida Elizabeth. In the same year, Noble Richardson became manager for the William R. Winn Company, dealers in oils and mill supplies, and he continues to fill that position.

He and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, and in politics he is an Independent.

The honors of the nobility of Pyramid Temple were conferred on him, December 14, 1904. His Shrine number is 1811. He is one of the Arab Patrol of Pyramid, and is chairman of the Arrangement Committee. Masonically, he is a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, and is a member of the Algonquin Club of Bridgeport.

His business address is 240 Stratford Avenue, Bridgeport, and his home, 367 Beechwood Avenue, same city.

JOSEPH WILLIAM WILLIS

Past master of George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; king of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 27, a member of Union Council No 27, Royal and Select Masters, and Knight Templar in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., was duly admitted to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 10, 1896, his enrollment, by sequence, being 1207. He is also in Naugatuck Lodge No. 63, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Ansonia, and a member of the New England Order of Protection.

By trade a brass caster for the past twenty-nine years, he has been engaged in casting brass for the A. B. & C. Company. He is also one of the largest florists in the vicinity, and for the past seven years has also been interested in that business, as a pastime.

Noble Willis was born in Bristol, Conn., April 24, 1860, and attended the public schools of Ansonia. His father, an Englishman by birth, is William Willis, and his mother was Ellen Curtis Willis, native of Waterbury. He was married in Ansonia, December 18, 1883, to Sarah T. Redshaw of Ansonia. They have one son, Thomas William, born September 18, 1884. Their daughter, Gertrude R., who was born December 12, 1903, passed from mortal sight on February 28, 1908.

Hunting, fishing and the care of flowers afford him pleasant recreation. His residence and greenhouse are both located on Cottage Avenue, at No. 25, while his store, also in Ansonia, is in the Y. M. C. A. Building, on Main Street.

LEON M. WOODFORD

A 32° Mason of Naugatuck, is a past master and past grand master in Shepard Lodge No. 78, A. F. & A. M.; king and scribe in Allerton Chapter No. 39, R. A. M.; was admitted into the ninth arch in Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M.; is past commander and past grand commander in Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., and received his Scottish Rite degrees in Waterbury Lodge of Perfection; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. On December 14, 1898, he was duly received and entered as No. 1307, in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., the eighth offshoot of the parent body in this country. He is also fraternally connected with the Odd Fellows in Naugatuck, in Centennial Lodge No. 100, where he is a past noble grand. Noble Woodford was born in Naugatuck, Conn., August 25, 1852, and was there educated in the South Berkshire Institute, and in New Marlboro, Mass. His parents, Rollin S. and Charlotte R. Demarest Woodford, were both born and brought up in Connecticut. In Brooklyn, N. Y., September, 1885, Noble Woodford was married to Lucy A. Somers of Bridgeport. They have one child, a daughter, Leona M., and their residence is in Naugatuck, at 38 Fairview Avenue. For over thirty years he has been cashier and paymaster for the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Manufacturing Company of Naugatuck.

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Thomas William Hall.

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Leon M. Woodford

ROBERT WALKER

Steward in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M., and outer guard in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., is also affiliated with Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., and Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M. His business career dates from 1873, when he entered the firm of the Bradley & Hubbard Company, where he became foreman in 1882. From that time Noble Walker has been interested in the manufacture of gas and electric fixtures. He was born in North Adams, Mass., May 1, 1849, and was there educated. His parents were Thomas Walker, native of Manchester, Eng., and Cynthia Haley Walker of North Adams. On November 7, 1871, he was married in Meriden, to Adelaide E. Breckenridge, daughter of James H. and Lydia Brocket Breckenridge of New York. They have two children: Robert James, born August 3, 1878, and Anna A., January 24, 1874, the latter, residing in Washington, D. C., and the former, in Meriden. He makes his church home with the Baptists, his parents also having been affiliated with that body. His residence is at 148 Cook Avenue, Meriden, where he spends much of his time in political and historical reading, the only other pastime which appeals to him, being music. Noble Walker admits that he is the happy grandfather of one little girl, Dorothy, who was born July 22, 1906.

RICHARD H. SMITH

Of Seymour, entered the Mystic Shrine, on May 13, 1909, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, and is therein enrolled 2261. He first saw Masonic Light in Morning Star Lodge No. 47, A. F. & A. M., where he is senior warden; was exalted in Evening Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M., in which he is Royal Arch captain; received and greeted in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, in Humphrey Lodge No. 26, Uniform Rank in Seymour. D. O. K. K., in Hira Temple No. 90, New Britain, and with the Pythian Sisters, in Evergreen Temple, Seymour. He is, likewise, an ex-member of the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard, in New Haven. By political conviction a Republican, since 1908 he has been twice elected a justice of the peace in Seymour. Prior to 1895, when he formed his present business connection, he was several years with the Ford Bit Company of Holyoke, Mass. Noble Smith was born in Birmingham, Conn., July 24, 1850, and was educated in Bristol and Derby. His mother, Martha M. Upson Smith, is a native of Waterbury. He was married to Florence A. Rice, of North Wilbraham, Mass., on May 18, 1898. His home is at No. 200 Church Street, Seymour, and his business address: Care The H. P. and E. Day Company, Seymour, Conn.

RUSSELL PORTER CLARK

Son of Arthur Elsworth Clark of Durham, Conn., and Jennie Evarts Clark, native of Madison, Conn. Noble Clark was born at New Haven, Conn., April 28, 1870. He attended the Dwight School of that city; entered the Northwestern University Law School in 1897, where his studies were interrupted by the Spanish-American War in 1898, because of his enlistment in Company E, First Illinois Infantry Volunteers. After the war he continued his studies in Chicago, and there had his first experience in the trial of cases. In 1903 he matriculated at Yale University Law School, and there completed three years of study, in 1906. He became a member of the Fairfield County Bar in 1905. Noble Clark is an independent political leader of Stamford and Greenwich, and is strongly attached to Republican principles. His influence was an acknowledged factor in the election of Charles E. Rowell as mayor of Stamford, in 1910, as candidate of the Citizens' Party. Noble Clark was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and therein ennobled on May 13, 1908, with enrollment No. 2149. He is a 32° Mason, having attained the A. A. S. R. degrees in the Valley of Bridgeport. In templarism he is connected with Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., Norwalk, and in cryptic Masonry, with Washington Council No. 6; his royal arch chapter being Rittenhouse No. 11. His first insight into the Masonic fraternity was gained in Union Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., of Stamford. He is also a member of Puritan Lodge No. 15 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of Stamford Lodge No. 899 of the Brotherhood of the Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a trustee; a major of the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias, member of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias, Domain of Connecticut; past commander of Frederick A. Hill Camp, United States War Veterans; a member of Onax Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men; of the Book and Gavel, a legal fraternity of Yale University; a Son of the American Revolution; dictator of Stamford Lodge No. 940, Loyal Order of Moose; commander of the Department of Connecticut of United Spanish War Veterans; and member of National Council of Administration of United Spanish War Veterans. His law office is in the Advocate Building, Atlantic Street, Stamford.

ROBERT D. PRYDE

Admitted to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and therein ennobled on November 27, 1905, with membership No. 1873, is a York Rite Mason, his connections being with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Caledonian Club. For the past sixteen years, Noble Pryde has acquired the skill of a past master in the "rational game" of golf, and makes a business of laying out and remodeling golf courses and tennis courts. He was born in Tayport, Scotland, June 7, 1870, and there educated, graduating from the high school. His mother, Georgiana J. Monro Pryde, is a native of Montrose, Scotland, and his father was James G. Pryde of Tayport. He was married in New Haven, to Mary W. MacLauchlan, of Glasgow, Scotland. They have one daughter, Dorothy M. Noble Pryde and his family, also his parents, are affiliated with the Presbyterian denomination. His business address is 583 Winchester Avenue, New Haven, and he resides at 118 Sheffield Avenue, same city.

MADS MICKELSON

Born in Denmark, August 1, 1864, son of Peter T. and Dorothy S. Mickelson, both Lutherans, as is their son, received his early education in the public schools of Denmark, coming to America in his young manhood. On December 5, 1895, he was married in Bridgeport, to Elizabeth Orkerman, also of Denmark. They have one daughter, Johanna D. Noble Mickelson has charge of his own tailoring business in Bridgeport, having opened his establishment in 1899. The six previous years he was associated with C. Peterson, a tailor of that city. He holds the position of constable of Fairfield County, having been elected to that post on the Republican ticket in 1909. On May 9, 1893, he became a noble in Pyramid Temple, his Shrine number being 1610. He also holds membership in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. & S. M., and first saw Masonic light in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M. His other fraternities are No. 37 of the Danish Brotherhood of Bridgeport, having been through all its chairs, and which he is serving as president, and in Lemna Harris Lodge No. 99, of the I. O. O. F., in Bridgeport, in which he is a grand. Noble Mickelson lives on Main Street, Fairfield, and does business at 949 Main Street, Bridgeport. His favorite sports and pastimes include the outdoor sports, and he reads general literature.

Robert Walker

Richard H Smith

Russell Porter Clark

Robert D. Pryde

Mads Mickelson

EDWARD F. REHBERG

A York Rite Mason of New Haven, became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 5, 1905, with enrollment 1840. His Masonic qualification was attained in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., in which he serves as marshal; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., being a past high priest; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., having been its past thrice illustrious master, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., which he now serves as triangle guard. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Rehberg is of German extraction, and was born in New Haven, Conn., June 23, 1866, and there received a public school education. He also attended the Yale School of Fine Arts. His father was Henry F. Rehberg, and his mother is Mary A. Weirich Rehberg, the former having been a native of Hanover, and the latter of St. Wendell, Ger. His favorite reading is literature of a scientific and artistic character. For nearly a quarter of a century he has been in the building line, five years with the Smith and Sperry Company, sixteen with the George M. Grant Company, and since 1909, with D. G. Carmichael of New Haven. He resides at 179 Rosette Street, New Haven.

EBEN BALFOUR SAGE

Became identified with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on May 8, 1911, his enrollment therein being 2346. His Masonic connections are with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs of New Haven. Noble Sage was born in Geneseo, Ill., on August 14, 1883, and received a public school education in New Haven. His parents are Eben Charles, and Nora Amanda (Cowen) Sage, the former of Sagamore County, Ill., and the latter of Jerseyville, Jersey County, Ill. He was married in New Haven, on September 5, 1908, to Lillian Jane Morse, of Ludlow, Mass., daughter of Austin Erwin and Mary Jane La Plant Morse, the former of Ludlow, and the latter of St. Phillip, Canada. Noble Sage was reared in the Baptist faith, and Mrs. Sage is a Congregationalist. He is fond of all outdoor sports. Since December, 1901, he has been a commercial traveler for the Edward P. Judd Company of New Haven. His residence is 33 Forbes Place, East Haven.

CHARLES A. SCHOONOVER

Is another of the Danbury nobles, who has reached Pyramid's portals through the medium of Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He was admitted to the ninth arch in Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., in which he was master for two years. His chapter is Eureka No. 23, R. A. M., and his lodge, Union No. 40, A. F. & A. M., all in Danbury. He was, subsequently, on December 18, 1906, enrolled as a member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and his number in that body is 2032. He is also a member of the Fellow Craft, Union Lodge and the Pahquioque Rod and Gun Club; is an Elk, an Odd Fellow, a member of Danbury Council 1310 of the Royal Arcanum, and of Danbury Conclave No. 384, I. O. H. Noble Schoonover was born in Sullivan County, N. Y., and attended schools in Middletown, Orange County, of native State. His parents are Levi and Elizabeth Hearst Schoonover of Yonkers, N. Y. He was married in 1883, to Alice N. Truex; in 1896, to C. Grace Truex, both of Middletown, N. Y., and on September 25, 1906, to Emma Dobbs-Smith of Danbury. His two children are Florence M. and Charles A., Jr., who were born, respectively, on October 9, 1886, and October 15, 1894. His religious affiliations are with the Episcopalians, while his parents are of the Dutch Reformed denomination. He has been connected with the hat manufacturing industry since 1880, his specialty being that of making shapes. He has been foreman with the Turner Machine Company of Danbury since 1892. His residence is in Danbury, at 48 North Street.

JOSEPH SMITH, 2D

Holding life membership in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to its nobility on December 2, 1902, his enrollment therein being 1573. He had previously attained membership in the following bodies: Union Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M.; Union R. A. Chapter No. 7, having passed through all of its chairs, and Palestine Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, which he is serving as treasurer. Since 1906, he has served continuously on the Board of Education. Carpentering and building have claimed his entire working life, since 1869, but from 1896 he has been engaged in that line for himself. Noble Smith was born in Niantic, Conn., June 6, 1850, and received an education in the public schools of his native place. His parents were Elijah W. and Eliza Smith, both natives of Niantic. He was married in New London, December 2, 1880, to Flora W. Ward of that city. His religious affiliations are Episcopal, and he is a member of the Republican Party. His place of business is in New London, at the intersection of Bank and Division Streets, and his home is at 239 Broad Street, New London.

WALTER H. TWITCHELL

For several years treasurer of Shepard Lodge No. 78, A. F. & A. M., is a 32° Mason, and also affiliated with Allerton R. A. Chapter No. 39; Waterbury Council No. 21, of Royal and Select Masters; Clark Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar; and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 27, 1899, and numbered 1372, by order of enrollment.

For twenty-three years he was clerk in the furniture and undertaking business of which, for the past thirteen years, he has been proprietor.

Noble Twitchell was born in Naugatuck, Conn., October 17, 1858, receiving an education in the public and private schools of that town. His parents were Robert and Jeanette C. Clark Twitchell, and his wife, to whom he was married in Naugatuck, was Addie M. Richards of Hartford. Their religious affiliations are Congregational. He conducts his business in Naugatuck, and his residence is at 24 Fairview Avenue, Naugatuck.

HON. SAMUEL A. DAVIS

Associate judge of the City of Danbury, 1897-1901, and 1907 to the present time, was corporation counsel for Danbury, 1902-03, and a member of the school committee one term, 1904-07. He has been engaged in the general practice of law since 1893. Danbury, Conn., is his birthplace, and he was born on October 14, 1865. He attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school in 1882. He also attended Harvard College, and graduated from Yale Law School in 1893. His parents were Allen J. and Caroline Bulkley Davis, the former of Toronto, Can., and the latter native of New Milford, Conn. They were Congregationalists, and Noble Davis adheres to that faith. He was married in Danbury, October 1, 1891, to Jessie J., daughter of Dr. Eli F. and Maria B. Stevens Hendrick of that city. They have one child, Dorothy, born May 25, 1893. Noble Davis gives his Masonic allegiance to Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. Subsequent to becoming a Sir Knight, he was admitted to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on June 6, 1905, his enrollment in that body beng 2081. His business address is 206 Main Street, Danbury, and his home, 105 Deer Hill Avenue, same city.

Edward F. Rehberg

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C.A. Schoonover

Joseph Smith 2nd

Walter H Twitchell

GEORGE H. RHYNEDANCE

Elevated to the rank of Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple No. 8, on December 2, 1902, as recipient No. 1548, is Masonically affiliated with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and since 1902 of the Governing Board of Elks Lodge No. 25; of the P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 4, having also been its financial secretary for five years, and as its first state secretary, having served two years. For seventeen years he was superintendent for the New Haven Clock Company, and since 1907 he has been in the wholesale lumber business. Noble Rhynedance was born in Norwalk, Conn., November 1, 1859, and was educated in the public schools of Connecticut, taking a special course in Manchester, N. H. His parents were Frank and Mary E. (Abbee) Rhynedance, the former native of Saxony, Ger., and the latter of Warehouse Point, Conn. Cornelia A. Harland of New Haven became his wife on July 13, 1881, their marriage having been solemnized in that city. They have three children: Ethel A., George H., Jr., and Harold D., and are Episcopalians. Their residence is at 256 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven.

CHARLES S. FOX

Of Fairfield, Conn., was born in Bridgeport, Conn., November 18, 1873, and received his education in the public schools of Bridgeport, Danbury, and at the Park Avenue Institute. His father is Charles W. Fox, and his mother was Marietta Sherwood Fox. He was married in 1898 to Florence Walshe, daughter of James J. and Sophia Kemp Walshe of Newburg, N. Y. They have four children: James, Florence, Helen and Dorothy. His religious belief is Episcopal, and his parents were also of that belief. Hunting and autoing are his favorite pastimes. He is a member of the Automobile Club of Bridgeport; prefers historical and political reading, and believes in the principles of Democracy. He was selectman for Fairfield, 1903-04, and again, 1908-10. It was stated in an official letter from the road commissioner that during the incumbency of Noble Fox, his roads were the best kept in the County of Fairfield. He also conducts his own real estate business in Bridgeport. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and has taken all of the Scottish Rite degrees of Connecticut, and is a member of Lafayette Consistory. The York Rite degrees were taken in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, and Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., where he first saw light in Masonry. He was also received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on December 10, 1906, his card bearing enrollment number 1202. He resides in Fairfield.

CHARLES W. FOX

Having petitioned for admittance to the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, he was, on December 10, 1906, taken into the Pyramid fold, and given the Arab's blessing as a reward for his fidelity. Noble Fox received his Masonic degrees in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is a member of the Original 13 Club of Bridgeport. Prior to his retirement from active business life in 1890, Noble Fox was for thirty years in the real estate business. He is an advocate of the principles of Democracy, and was formerly elected and served as collector of taxes. He was born in Westport, Conn., in January, 1839, the son of Charles and Alma Gorham Fox, the former, of Westport, and the latter, of Redding. His wife was Marietta Sherwood of Westport, Conn They have had two children: a son, Charles S., and a daughter, who has passed away. They are of the Episcopal faith. He has given little time to amusement or diversion, having always been strictly devoted to business. His Shrine number is 1202. He resides in Fairfield.

HENRY L. JETTER

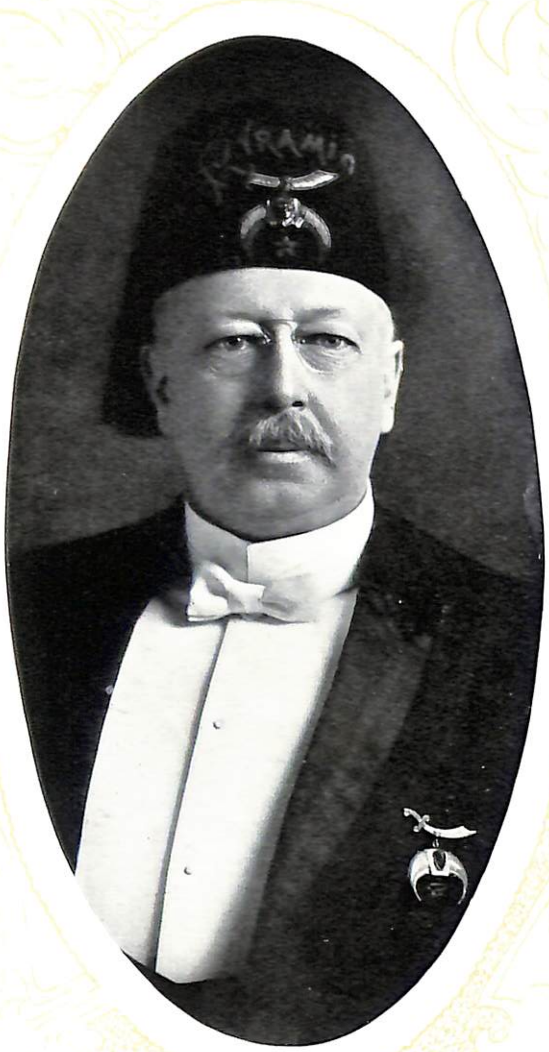
A York Rite Mason, of Meriden, created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., May 13, 1908, with membership 2196, holds Masonic qualifications attained in Center Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. He is also affiliated with the Elks of Meriden, in Lodge No. 35. Noble Jetter was born in Springfield, Mass., September 11, 1864, and resides at 23 South Second Street, Meriden.

GUSTAVE GOOD

Made a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple on December 9, 1907, and therein enrolled 2135, has York Rite Masonic degrees attained in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of which he is past master; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., in which he is treasurer; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., which he is serving as junior warden. He has also received the Scottish Rite degrees, including the thirty-second, from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs. Noble Good was born in Sweden, September 19, 1884, and was educated in this country, graduating from the high school at Guilford. His parents, Charles and Marianna (Olsen) Good, were born in Sweden and in the Congregational faith. He is fond of all outdoor sports, his favorites being baseball, football, hunting and fishing. Since 1898 he has been with the De Forest and Hotchkiss Company, lumber dealers, at 115 Water Street, New Haven. His residence is at 76 Clinton Avenue, New Haven.

LOUIS FELSBURG

Fire Commissioner of New Haven, since 1909; ex-president and treasurer of the Grand Opera House of New Haven; manager of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, from its organization in 1896; also president of the Aschenbroedel for ten years from 1902, and for twenty-one years past, president of the Dorscht Lodge. New Haven, Conn., is the city of his birth, and the date, October 4, 1863. Of German extraction, his parents were J. George and Wilhelmina Stoetzer Felsburg. On March 15, 1888, he was married to Carrie L. Kennedy of New Haven. She passed away August 25, 1908. His favorite reading is history, and works pertaining to the science and history of music. Noble Felsburg was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, as a noble, on December 18, 1906, with enrollment No. 1964. His York Rite degrees were conferred by Rock Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M. all in New Haven, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. The degrees of the Scottish Rite were conferred in the New Haven A. A. S. R. bodies, and his thirty-second by Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Felsburg's business address is Grand Opera House, Crown Street, New Haven. He also resides in New Haven, at 171 Bradley Street.



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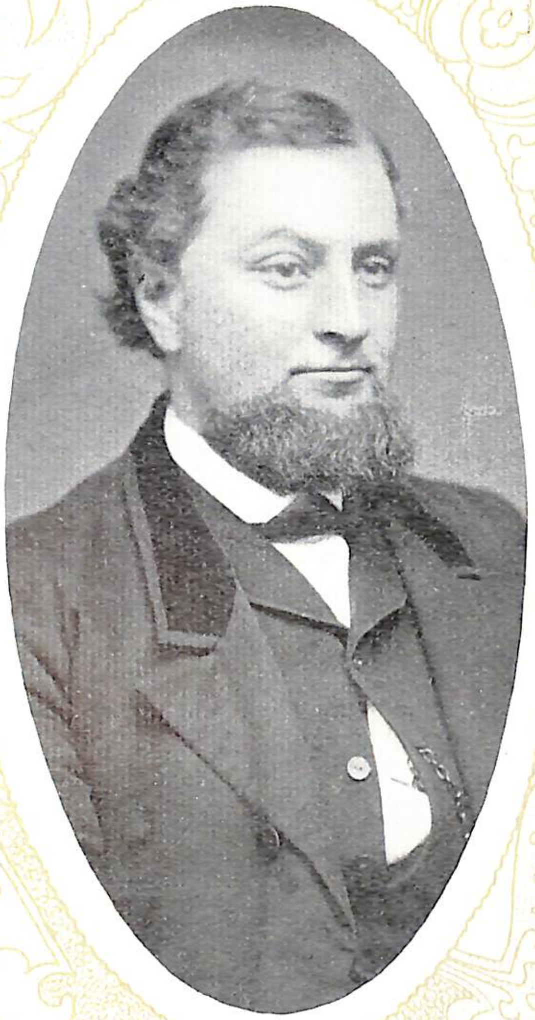

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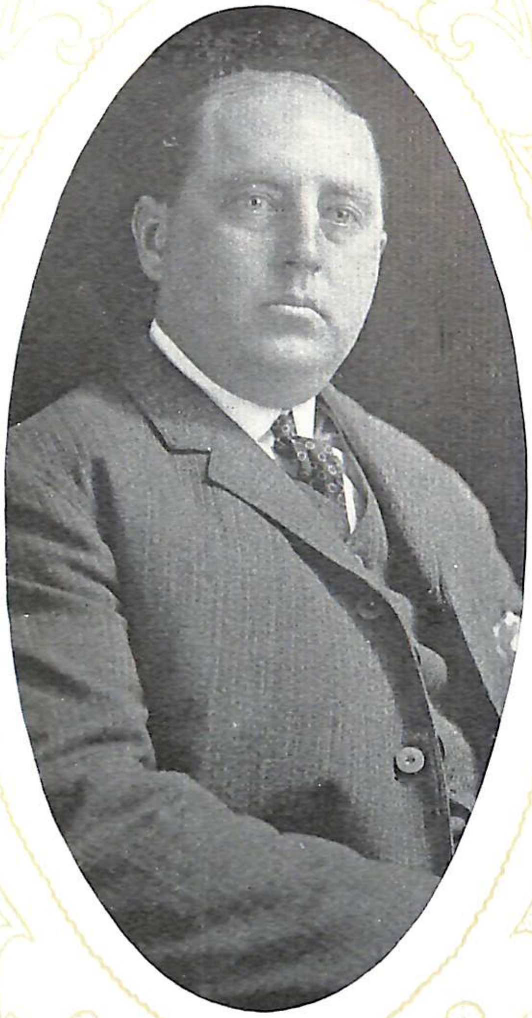

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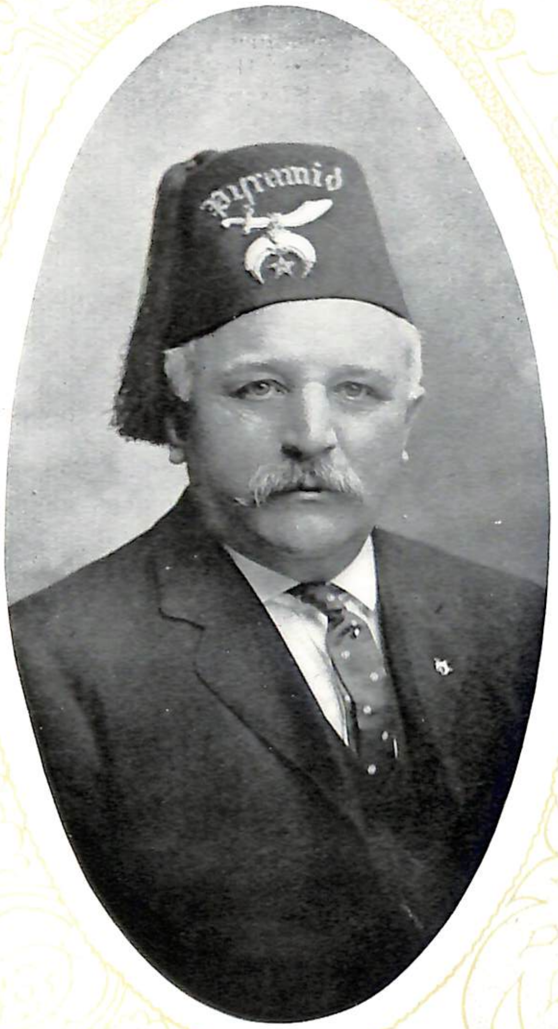

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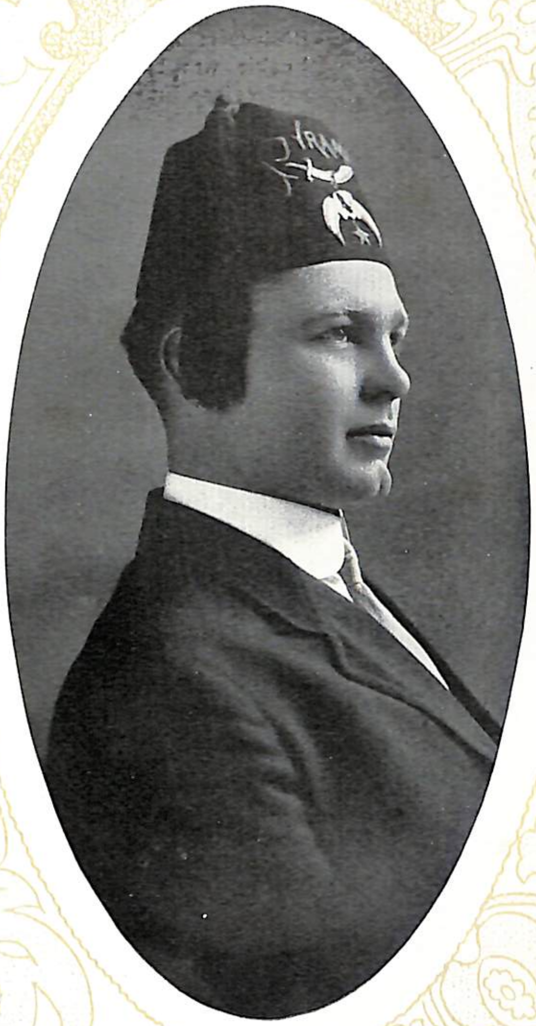

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CHARLES S. PALMER

Holds a life membership in Pyramid Temple, having been admitted into the joys and privileges of its nobility on November 27, 1905, the order of his enrollment giving him membership No. 1931. He had previously become attached to the following Masonic bodies: Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. in which he was created a Sir Knight. He is also a life member in the Order of Elks, in Meriden Lodge No. 35. His club memberships include the Elks, Home, and Highland Clubs, of Meriden, and the Union League Club of New Haven. Noble Palmer was born in Meriden, Conn., his home city, September 3, 1878. His father is Ralph A. Palmer, native of Branford, Conn., and his mother was Sarah A. Badell of New Jersey. Maude Hendey of Torrington, daughter of the late Henry J. Hendey, is his wife, and they have three children: Pauline Elizabeth, Henry Hendey, and Barbara Scranton. They attend the Episcopal Church, and he was brought up in that faith. Autoing is his favorite pastime, and works on architectural and kindred subjects are his special delight. He is a member of the firm of Palmer & Townsend. Meriden and New Haven are the centers of their business operations as architects, with offices at No. 55 Church Street, New Haven, and No. 4 West Main Street, Meriden. Noble Palmer resides in Meriden, at 127 East Main Street.

FRANK G. FUNKIE

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on April 9, 1906, with enrollment 1968, holds Masonic affiliations with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is past senior counsellor of Bridgeport Council No. 369, United Commercial Travelers of America; is a member of the Bridgeport Club, and a past chief of Clan Campbell No. 24, of the Order of Scottish Clans, and is also a member of Bridgeport Lodge No. 36, of the B. P. O. Elks. Noble Funkie was born in Boston, Mass., April 27, 1881. His parents are Frank and Mary Jane Ford, both of Edinburgh, Scotland. He was married in New Haven, October 10, 1911, to Margaret McIntosh of that city. They are Congregationalists. In 1895 he entered the employ of the Frank Miller Lumber Company of Bridgeport, and is now actively engaged as traveling salesman for that company. His home is at 55 Washington Place, Bridgeport.

CHARLES ALEX PEALE

Superintendent, since 1901, of the Fabric Fire Hose Company's factory at Sandy Hook, and connected with that company since 1890, was born in New Bloomfield, Penn., May 19, 1869, and attended the public schools of his native town, and Bloomfield Academy. His parents were Samuel Alexander and Elizabeth J. McIntire Peale. June 24, 1909, he was married in Jersey City, to Rebecca Beckmann, daughter of Henry and Henrietta Beckmann of Jersey City. They are of the German Reformed faith, and his parents were attendants at the Presbyterian Church. His favorite recreation is autoing. In Masonry, he is enrolled in Hiram Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M., in which he served for three years as master; Hiram R. A. Chapter No. 1, in which he is officiating as high priest; Wooster Council, No. 28, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Besides his Masonic connections, he is a member of the A. A. O. N. M. S., in Pyramid Temple No. 8, having been received in that illustrious body, on December 9, 1907, with enrollment 2120. He resides at Sandy Hook, Conn.

ERIC ISRAEL BAUDE

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on December 9, 1907, his enrollment number being 2144. In Masonry his blue lodge is Union No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; his Royal Arch chapter is Rittenhouse No. 11, which he is now serving as grand master of the 3d veil, and his K. T. Commandery, Clinton No. 3. He is, likewise, a member of Irving Lodge No. 545, of the Odd Fellows in Port Chester, N. Y., serving as right supporter of the noble grand. Noble Baude was born in Stockholm, Sweden, November 14, 1858, and received a private school education in his native country. Coming to this country on the attainment of his majority, he then began the study of English and mastered the language. His father was Charles Magnus Reginald, who passed onward in 1890, and his mother is Ida Cecilia Hjort, both of Lutheran faith. His favorite sports are riding, swimming and hunting. In reading he prefers the classical standard works. His business connection from 1901 has been with the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company of Stamford as assistant to paymaster. His residence, also in Stamford, is at 93 Washington Avenue.

GEORGE PERKINS SANBORN

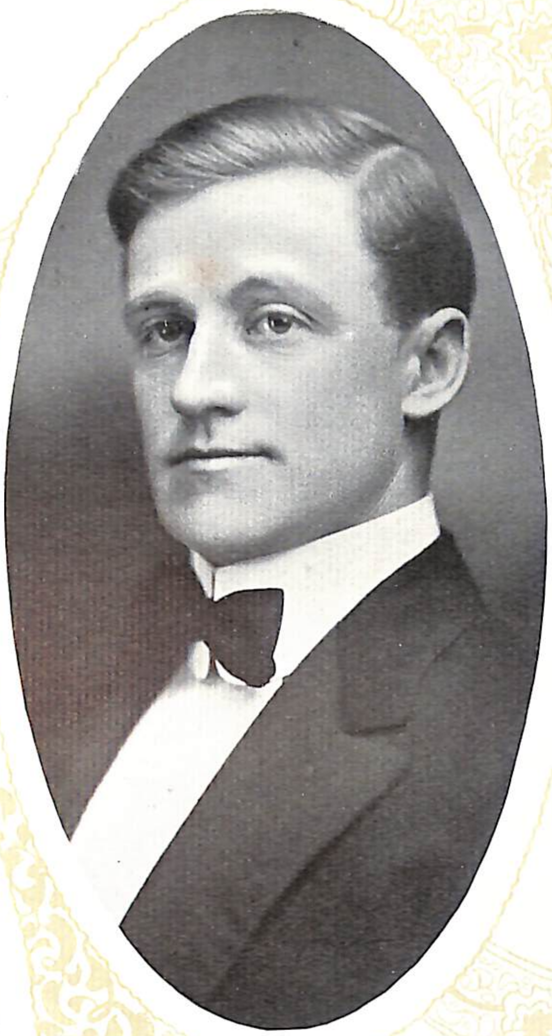
Master in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., in 1902-03; high priest of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons; also bearing allegiance to Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, from which he received his thirty-second degree. He passed the portals of Pyramid Temple, and entered the Mystic Shrine, on April 22, 1897, with enrollment 1217. Noble Sanborn was born in Bridgeport, Conn., October 7, 1871. His father, William R. Sanborn, was born in Hartford, Conn., and passed away in 1889. Nancy M. Sprague Sanborn is his mother, native of Hartford, Vt. He was married in Bridgeport, June 1, 1897, to Sarah Carlotta Norrby, daughter of Oscar and Jane Weeks Norrby, the former, of Stockholm, Sweden, and the latter, of Birmingham, Eng. They have two children: Thelma N. and Gladys Norrby. He is a believer in Methodism; is fond of athletics, and favors historical reading, being also a musician. His business, from 1898, has been in the Registry and Money Order Department of the U. S. A. Post Office in Bridgeport, East Main Street, though his previous connection with that post office dates from 1890. In political matters he gives his adherence to Republican principles. His residence is 76 Rose Street, Bridgeport.

GEORGE P. RAND

Member of Quartette in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason, and affiliated in the Bridgeport bodies. He was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 18, 1893, and numbered by order of enrollment 883.

From the establishment of the business of his firm, the G. P. Rand and Company of Bridgeport, dealers in mantles, tiles and marble, Noble Rand has been its senior member. He was born in Boston, June 21, 1854, and received an education in the public schools of his home city. His father was George Hall Rand, native of Keene, N. H., and his mother, Mary Patti Rand, was originally from over the seas, in Minorca, Spain. He was married in Bridgeport, in 1875, to Jane Douglas of that city, daughter of George and Jane Douglas. They have one daughter, Olive D. Noble Rand is a member of the Episcopal Church and was brought up in that faith. Baseball is his favorite sport, and his club membership is in the Algonquin, and with the Governor's Foot Guard of New Haven. His business is located at 107 Middle Street, and his home at 1369 Iraniston Avenue, Bridgeport.

Chas. Scranton Palmer



Frank G. Funkie

C. A. Peale

Eric I. Baude

Geo. P. Sanborn

GEORGE H. THOMAS

Admitted to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on April 29, 1898, was therein enrolled as No. 1272. His Masonic affiliations are with Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master, having served in 1897; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of Harmony Lodge No. 5, of the I. O. O. F., and of Sassacus Encampment No. 1, of New Haven. Noble Thomas was born in New Haven, Conn., October 16, 1851, receiving an education in the public and private schools of his native city. His parents were Edward and Harriet Elizabeth (Kimberly) Thomas, the former of Orange, and the latter of Guilford. He was married in West Haven, June 19, 1879, to Chloe A. Smith of the same town. They have one daughter, Bertha May, the wife of Russell J. Crane, residing in West Haven. Noble Thomas was postmaster at West Haven from 1886 to 1890, and tax collector for a number of years. He was elected town clerk of Orange in 1891, which office he has held for the past twenty years, and was recently elected for a further period of two years.

CLARENCE W. MOXLEY

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 5, 1907, with membership 2112, is a 32° Mason, with affiliations in Union Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M.; Union Chapter No. 7, R. A. M.; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., and with the Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport. He is also a past chief patriarch of Orion Encampment, and a member of Fairview Lodge of the Odd Fellows in New London. Noble Moxley was born in Jefferson, N. Y., October 28, 1872, receiving an education in the public schools of that town. His parents are Minor W. and Anna Miller Moxley, the former being native of Jefferson, N. Y., and the latter of New London. Jean Cochrane of New London became his wife in Westerly, R. I., on January 23, 1906. Fishing and baseball are his favorite recreations. From its organization in 1910, he has been president and manager of the Bridgeport Sign Company, for twenty-five years previous to that having been a sign painter. His business location is 58-60 Golden Hill Street, and his residence, 2099 Main Street, both in Bridgeport.

RICHARD TALBOT

Entered the Unseen Temple July 1, 1911. His mortal life covered a space of seventy-three years, and his material body was consigned to its last resting place by St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. The departed noble was raised in Wallingford, to the degrees of Master Mason in Compass Lodge No. 9, A. F. & A. M., on November 29, 1862, and served as its treasurer for thirty-three years, from 1878 until the day of his passing onward. On June 4, 1886, he was exalted to Royal Arch Masonry, in Keystone Chapter No. 27, in Meriden, dimitting therefrom on December 22, 1905, to become a charter member of Lockwood Chapter No. 48, R. A. M., of Wallingford, which was also the date of the institution of that body, and served as treasurer from its inception. On December 13, 1886, he was made a Royal and Select Master in Hamilton Council No. 22, in Meriden, received the super-excellent degree two weeks later, and on April 6, 1887, the templar degrees from St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., also in Meriden. Through the medium of the latter he was ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., oasis of Bridgeport, on May 25, 1891, with enrollment 711. His Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite degrees came from E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, 4-14°; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 15-16°; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, 17-18°, and he received 19-32° in Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, on the 28th day of the Hebrew month, Nisan, A. M. 5660 (A. D. April 27, 1900). He was also a member of Accanant Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Wallingford, also Atlantic Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Meriden; was past sachem of Owenoco Tribe No. 44, Improved Order of Red Men, and politically was Republican in principle. From March, 1861, to October 1, 1907, he was engaged in manufacturing and dealing in boots, shoes and rubbers, after which he retired from active business life, having turned over the business to his son, George J. Noble Talbot was born in Dagnall, Buckingham County, Eng., February 28, 1838, receiving an education in the public schools of Dunstable, Bedford County, Eng., under Prof. William Hopcroff. His parents, both of English birth, were George Talbot, of Newington Parish, London, and Hannah Norman Talbot of Dagnall, Bucks. At the death of his mother in 1850, he was apprenticed to an English shoemaker in Northampton, and lived with that family for seven years. He was married to Elizabeth James of Loughton, Buckingham County, Eng., daughter of Joseph and Ann Alderman James of Isham, Northants, Eng., on November 28, 1859. Having sold their home in England, they embarked for America and reached New York City on March 9, 1861. A year later, on March 12, 1862, they moved to Wallingford, and there made their home, the family residence being at 137 Fair Street. The lamented noble leaves a widow and four sons, one of whom worked in the same room with his father for over thirty-two years, and who affectionately states, that while "a great many men have as good, none had a better father" than he.

WILLIAM C. WATSON, M. D.

Elevated to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on November 20, 1911, has Masonic connections with Corinthian Lodge No 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Noble Watson was born in New York City, July 11, 1873, and received a public school education in Brooklyn, N. Y., graduating from the high school, and later from the College of Medicine of Brooklyn, from which he received his medical degree. He is also a graduate of the L. I. C. H. of New York City, and has practiced as a physician in Bridgeport. His father is Clark R. Watson, native of England, while his mother was Hattie M. King of Washington, D. C. He was married in Middlebury, Vt., October 6, 1898, to Jennie E. Halpin, and they have three children: Mildred A., William Clark, and Irene Anna. He is very fond of outdoor sports, especially hunting and fishing. Dr. Watson resides at 446 Stratford Avenue, Bridgeport, and has his office at same address.

GEORGE F. VOLK

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 18, 1906, with enrollment 1986, has Masonic affilations with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council, No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Volk was born in New Haven, Conn., on September 16, 1878, and there attended the public schools and Child's Business College. His father, George F. Volk, was a native of Germany, and his mother is Emma Binder Volk, native and resident of New Haven. He was married in New Haven, October 27, 1901, to Mary A. Murphey of that city, and they have one son, Fred George. Noble Volk is an Episcopalian, and his upbringing was in that faith. His favorite sports are fishing, hunting and baseball. From 1894 he has been proprietor of Hotel Volk at 196 Meadow Street, New Haven, where he resides.

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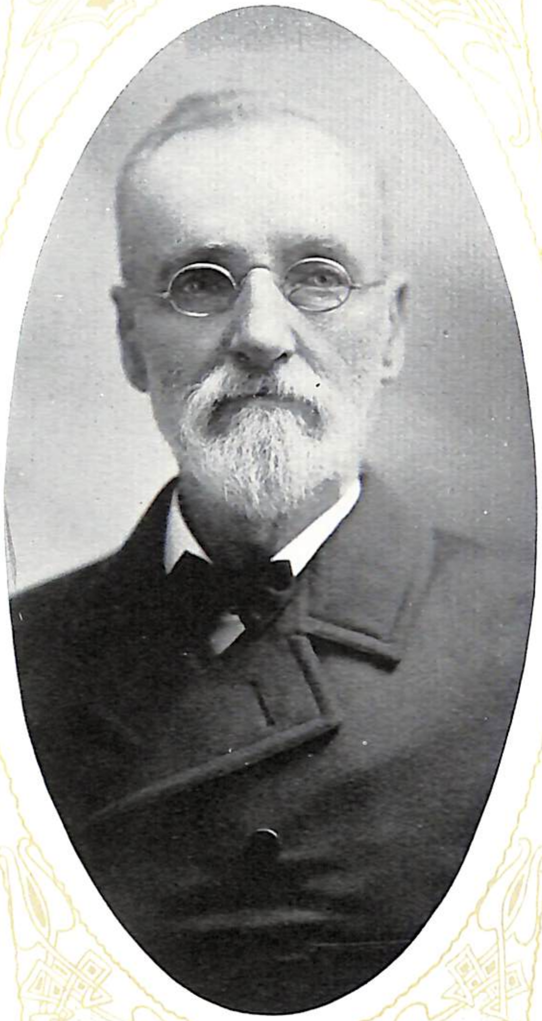


Richard Talbot

William Clark Watson M.D.

Geo. H. Volk

F. D. ROBERTSON

A 32° Mason of Stratford, entered the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on April 29, 1898, with enrollment 1289. He is Masonically affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and with all of the Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory. He is, likewise, a member of the Algonquin Club. Noble Robertson was born in Bristol, R. I., November 15, 1855, and his parents were Louis and Rubena Robertson. May 12, 1887, he was married to Nelly M. Dupee of New Haven, daughter of Augustus W. and Eliza Dupee. They have one son, Benjamin A., now associated with his father in business. Noble Robertson and family are Congregationalists, and he was brought up in that faith. Politically he inclines to Republicanism. His business is that of a banker and broker, his firm style being: F. D. Robertson and Son, with location at 1115 Main Street, Bridgeport. He is a member of the Bankers' and Brokers' Association, and resides in Stratford.

PHILIP WEIDENHAMMER

Eb clarionet of Pyramid Temple Band, is inspector for the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, having filled that position since 1907. Prior to that he had been in the stock room of the Wheeler & Wilson Company, having also done clerical work.

He was born in Bridgeport, May 15, 1877, receiving an education in the public schools of that city, and later graduating from the Union Business College. His father was Conrad Weidenhammer, born in Bayreuth, Ger., and his mother was Mary Magdelene Ernst Weidenhammer. On December 18, 1901, he was married to Jennie Vera Anker, daughter of Adolph and Bettie Petersen Anker, both of Sweden. They have one son, Carlton Anker.

Noble Weidenhammer was admitted to Pyramid Temple membership on May 9, 1910, his enrollment number being 2319, and his Masonic affiliations having been made with the following bodies: Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is an Episcopalian and a Republican, and resides in Bridgeport, at 567 Stratford Avenue. His business address is the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company.

ELLSWORTH F. BROWN

Is another of the Pyramid nobles who was admitted to the *sanctum sanctorum* of the Mystic Shrine, via the portals of Pyramid Temple, and through the medium of Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He attained his membership in that illustrious Shrine body on May 23, 1908, being therein enrolled 2188. He is now serving as secretary of Jerusalem Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M., and has served in that capacity for the past six years; was exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; admitted to the ninth arch in Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He is also a past grand in Pilgrim Lodge No. 46, of the Odd Fellows; a member of Mary Rebekah Lodge No. 51, of Ridgefield; of Devotion Encampment No. 5, in Danbury; of Mamanasco Chapter No. 62, Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Ridgefield Fire Department. In politics, Noble Brown is a Republican, and is filling the post of borough tax collector, 1910-11.

For the past eleven years, from 1900, he has been engaged in the hardware and general merchandise business. Noble Brown was born in Bristol, Conn., April 28, 1879; received his education in the public schools of Ridgefield, graduating from the high school in 1896, and later taking a general commercial course in the Brown Business College, from which he also graduated in 1898. He is the adopted son of Charles Frederick and Elvira Lockwood Brown. His own father was Charles Austin of Bristol. He was married in New Haven, September 10, 1910, to Mary L. Odell of Yonkers, N. Y., daughter of James B. and Martha Barnes Odell. Noble Brown's church affiliations are Methodist. Baseball and the reading of history, science and politics are his favorite pastimes. He conducts his business in Ridgefield, Conn., and resides in that town.

EBER A. HODGE

Of Danbury, is engaged in the general insurance business, which he has followed for the past eighteen years.

On June 6, 1907, he entered the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, his enrollment number being 2091, prior to that time having made connections with the following Masonic bodies: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. His other fraternities are as follows: Progressive Lodge No. 18 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Danbury Lodge No. 120 of the Brotherhood of Protective Order of Elks; Wooster Lodge No. 30 of Knights of Pythias, and Court J. M. Bailey, No. 156, of Foresters of America. He is a charter member of the Danbury Club, and of the Country Club of Danbury; a member of the Fellow-Craft Club; of the Pahquioque Rod and Gun Club, and has been on the Republican Town Committee for the past seven years. He is also auditor of the Israel Putnam Memorial Camp Ground Commission, having been appointed to that post by the late George L. Lilley, former governor of Connecticut, and is a member of the City of Danbury Board of Estimate and Taxation.

Noble Hodge was born in New Fairfield, Conn., February 25, 1870, and was educated in the public schools of New Fairfield and Danbury. He was married in Danbury, September 2, 1891, to Grace Clark of that city. They have two children: Dorothy C. and Austin E., both graduates of the Danbury High School. Noble Hodge is a Universalist, and was brought up in that faith. His business address is 226-228 Main Street, Danbury, and his home, 78 North Street.

EDWARD P. WALTER

Who entered Pyramid Temple, December 9, 1896, bearing enrollent No. 1181, and diploma membership No. 41,376, passed beyond the ken of mortals, into the Unseen Temple, on February 20, 1910. He was born in Hamburg, Ger., December 23, 1848, the son of William and Pauline Walter of Hamburg, both of whom have also passed away. He was educated in the public schools of that place, and later came to America, where he was married to Carrie E. Platt of Bridgeport, daughter of John T. Platt and Hannah M. Pritchard Platt, formerly of Springville, Penn. His widow and an adopted daughter, Charlotte May, survive him. Noble Walter was a mechanical engineer, inventor, and the manufacturer of Walter Planers, and various kinds of machinery, at 185 John Street, Bridgeport. He entered Cincinnati Lodge No. 3, in Morristown, N. J., at the age of twenty-four years, on March 17, 1873, and was therein initiated on May 1, 1873; was passed June 2, 1873; raised June 30, 1873; on April 26, 1889, was made a 32° Mason, in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He was made a citizen of the United States on October 18, 1878; was a member of the Bridgeport Board of Trade; a Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. The family home is at 380 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport.

F. D. Robertson

Philip Heidenhammer

Ellsworth F. Brown

Elber A. Hodge

Edward P Walter

CHARLES RICHARD CROWTHER

Became a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on November 28, 1910, with enrollment 2121, his Masonic connections being with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., in which he is senior deacon; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Noble Crowther was born in New York City, February 16, 1868. His parents are Timothy W. and Margaret A. Slocum Crowther, the former a native of Yorkshire, Leeds, Eng., and the latter of New York. Removing to Bridgeport, when their son was very young, he was educated in the public schools of Bridgeport, and the Bridgeport Business College, and was married in Bridgeport, to Emily Deitsch of that city, on October 14, 1896. They are Congregationalists. His favorite sport is baseball. The first twenty years of his business life was spent in the employ of Lee Brothers, furniture dealers in Bridgeport, having entered their employ as a boy, in 1886, he worked his way up to that of secretary. In 1906 he accepted a clerkship with the Lattin Storage and Trucking Company, of 365 Water Street, Bridgeport, from which he rose to the position of secretary and treasurer in 1911. He resides at 65 Henry Street, Bridgeport.

WILLIAM R. MUIRHEAD

Ordained a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on November 20, 1911, bears Masonic allegiance to St. Johns Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is, likewise, a member of Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, and Stratfield Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Noble Muirhead was born in Paisley, Scotland, on June 19, 1864, and there received an education. His father was William Muirhead of Paisley, while his mother is Euphemia McEwing Muirhead, native of Argyleshire, Scotland. He was married in Jersey City, N. J., on September 9, 1889, to Margaret Conner, also of Paisley. They have two children: Elizabeth Yates and Donald Morrison. Their religious belief is in Methodism. His favorite diversions are: baseball, football, and swimming, and in reading, fiction and history. From 1892 he has been a contractor and builder, his business location being at 1362 Pembroke Street, Bridgeport, and his home, 624 Brooks Street, same city.

SIDNEY H. MINER

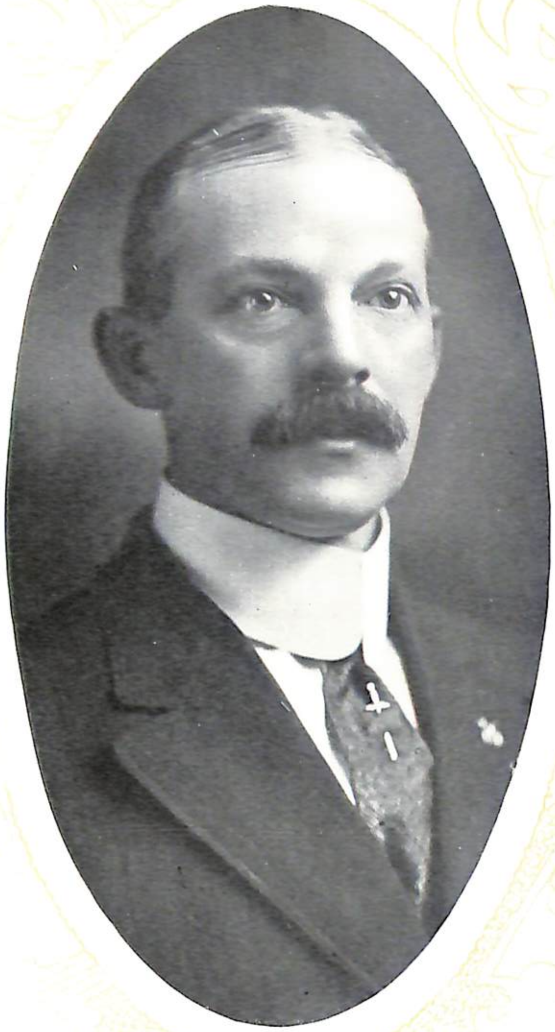
A 32° Mason of New London, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 2, 1902. His blue lodge was Brainard No. 102, A. F. & A. M. He received his capitular degrees in Union Chapter No. 6, R. A. M.; was admitted to the ninth arch in Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M.; knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., and the Scottish Rite degrees were conferred on him by the Norwich bodies, including his consistorial degree. He is vice-president of the National Whaling Bank of New London; a trustee of New London Y. M. C. A.; of the Memorial Hospital Association; of the Mariners' Savings Bank; the Bulkeley School; and Joseph Lawrence Free Public Hospital; is a member of the First Congregational Church, First Ecclesiastical Society, New London Board of Trade, and New London Business Men's Association, besides being president of the John Winthrop Club. Noble Miner is a Democrat, and was at one time tax collector for New London. In addition to his numerous other duties, the dual post of secretary and treasurer of the C. M. Shay Fertilizer Company, is filled by him, and absorbs the major portion of his business activities. His father, Frederick W. Miner, a native of New London, passed away in 1888, and his mother is Jennie Hale Miner, formerly of Glastonbury. Noble Miner was born in New London, Conn., August 23, 1863, and there received an education, and was brought up in the Congregational faith. His marriage to Lucy K. Bishop of New London, was celebrated in that city on June 30, 1892. They have three children: Sidney B., Waldo L., and Rowland C. Fishing, boating and travel are his favorite modes of recreation, and he resides at 40 Granite Street, while his business address is 154 State Street, New London.

WILLIAM A. WARNER

After years of desert wandering, crossed the burning sands, and was received in the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid's portals, on May 25, 1891, with enrollment 698. He holds Masonic membership with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, all of which are in the "City of Elms," and was created a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is likewise a member of the Masonic and Knights Templar Clubs, also of the Quinnipiack and Union League, all of New Haven, and is also fraternally in Quinnipiac Lodge No. 1, and Sassacus Encampment, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of New Haven. Noble Warner was born in New Haven, Conn., on May 6, 1861, the son of Sherman R. and Delia C. Hodges Warner, the former having been of Westfield, and the latter of New Haven. In 1878 Noble Warner graduated from the General Russell School of his native city. His political adherence is to Republican principles. In 1883 he started in the hardware business for himself, and five years later with his brother, assuming the firm name of W. A. Warner & Bro. This hardware concern is still running as a joint stock company under the firm name of W. A. Warner & Bro. Co. He is at the present time actively engaged in the masons' building material business, as president and treasurer of the Warner-Miller Company, organized in 1899, located on Railroad Avenue, New Haven, in which city he also resides, at No. 346 St. Ronan Street.

ELIZUR H. SPERRY

A 32° Mason of New Haven, bears Masonic allegiance to Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, and is trustee of several bodies. Through the medium of his Masonic qualifications, he was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 20, 1891, and therein enrolled 693. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club; is connected with the Odd Fellows of New Haven, in City Lodge No 36; is chief patriarch in Sassacus Encampment, also a past noble grand, and has served in several of the subordinate offices. Politically a Republican, he was selectman for two years, and has been on the Paving Commission for the past six years. In 1908 he retired from his private business life as mason, builder and contractor, in which he was actively engaged for thirty-seven years. He has learned the sublime truth that there is rest in right action, and though resting from his own material labors, his ripened thought is the better able to be wisely active for the betterment of others. Noble Sperry was born in Bethany, Conn., April 30, 1833, and received an education in the public schools of that town. He was the son of Marvin and Levinia Gaylord Sperry. His marriage to Caroline Corbin of Sherman, Conn., took place in New Haven, May 3, 1858. They have two daughters, Fanny Elizabeth and Caroline D. Their religious preference is Congregational, and they reside at 234 Whalley Avenue, New Haven.



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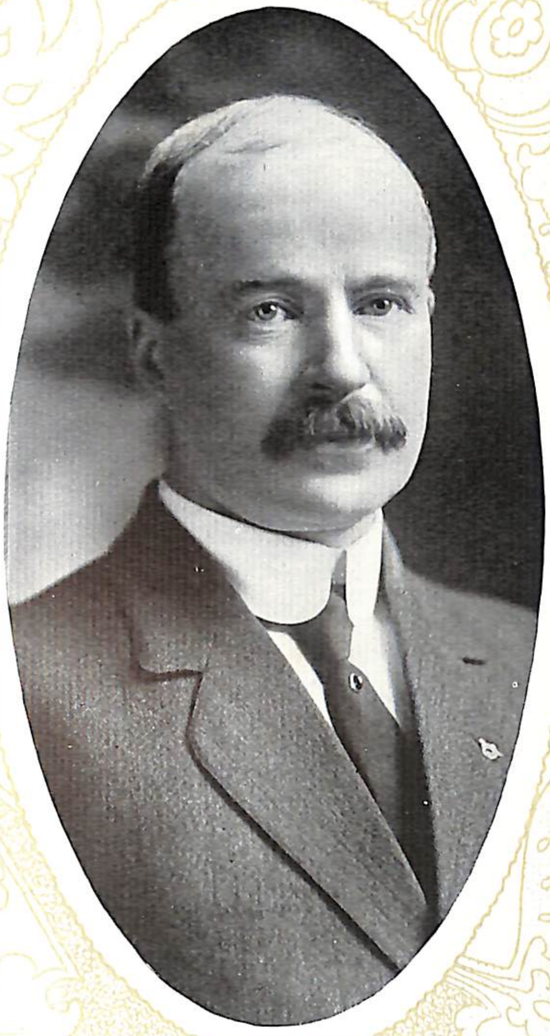

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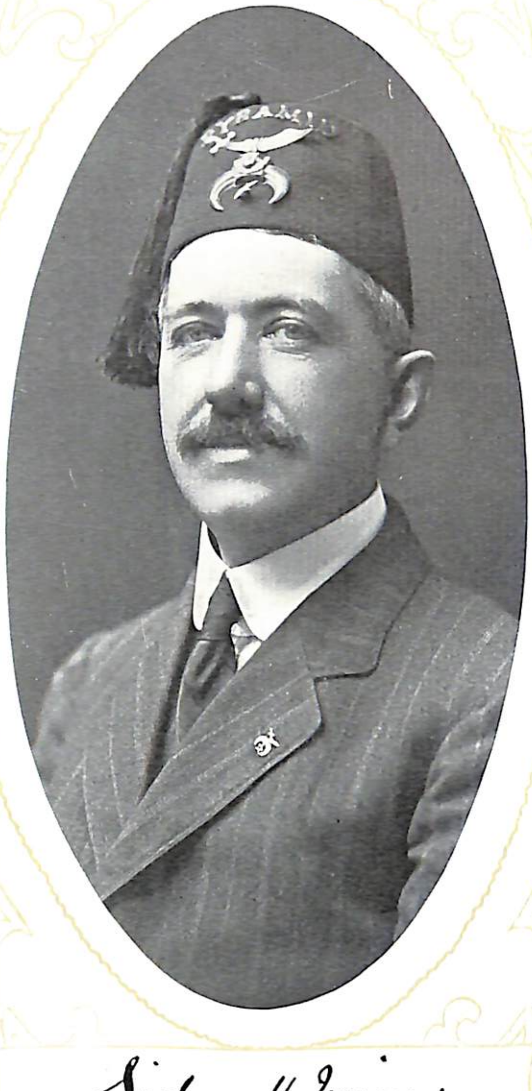

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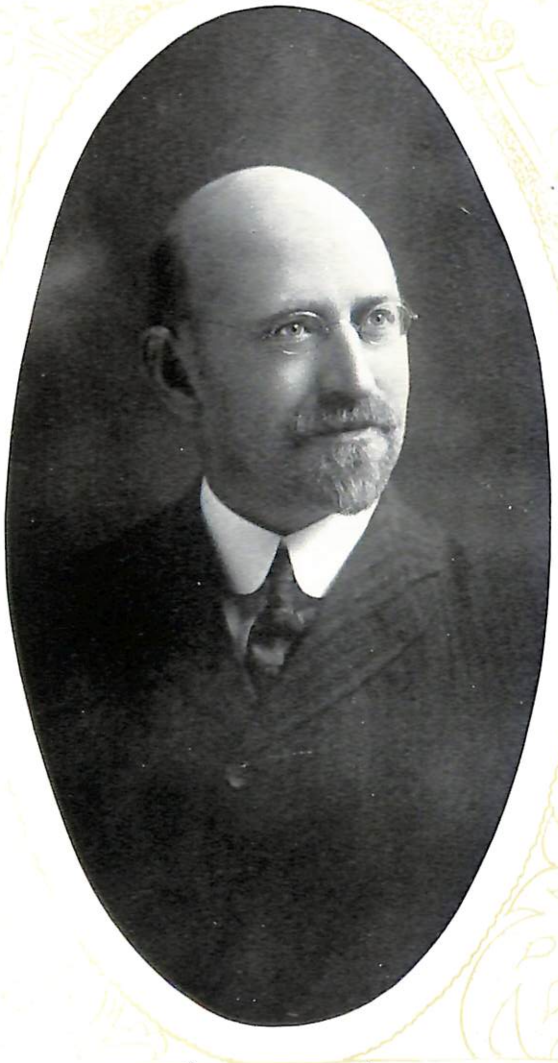

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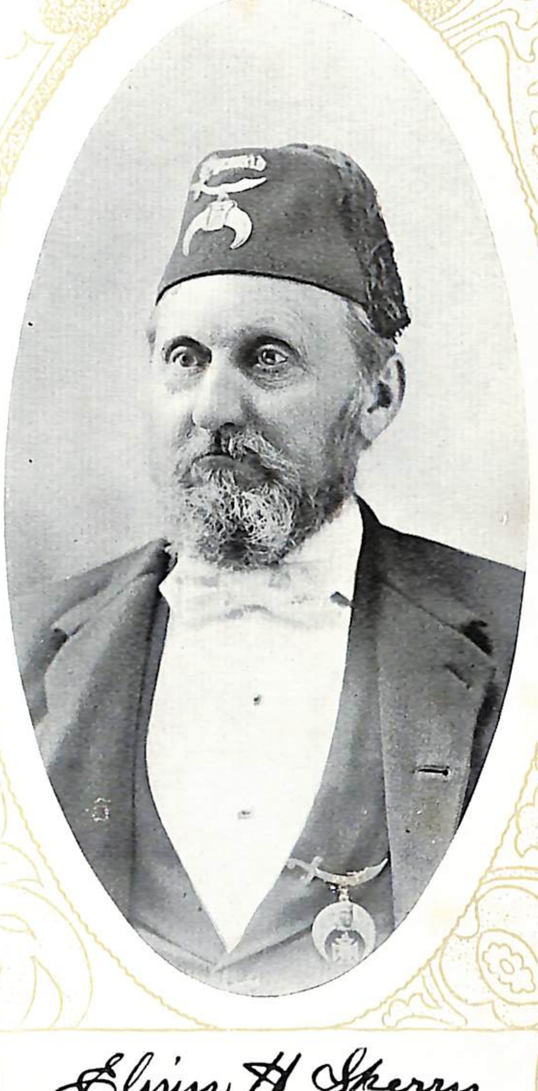

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LEWIS C. GREEN

Struck by a Pennsylvania Express train June 1, 1911, while waiting to board a train at Elizabeth, N. J., whither he went in company with his wife and son, Harold, to attend the marriage of his nephew. The lamented Noble was born in Norwalk, Conn., October 23, 1861. He was a member of the State Bankers' Association and was upon its nominating committee; was vice-president of the Norwalk Savings Society; president of the Lounsbury & Bissel Company; director in The Arnold Company of Norwalk, and cashier of the Fairfield County National Bank from 1888, having served the bank in the capacity of clerk from 1880. He received an education in the public schools of his native city, which was supplemented by a course in the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His father was Hiram Green, native of Wilton, and his mother, Adaline Gruman Green of Norwalk. On September 2, 1885, he was married in New Canaan, to Annie Monroe, daughter of Lucius M. and Sally Waters Monroe of New Canaan. Noble Green was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and a vestryman in that church, also a member of the Selleck Memorial Association. He, likewise, belonged to the Norwalk Club and was a member of the governing board of the Norwalk Country Club. He joined Pyramid Temple on May 5, 1905, his enrollment number in that body of the A. A. O. N. M. S., being 1833. He had previously been knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar; received his cryptic degrees from Washington Council No. 6, Royal and Select Masters; his capitular degrees from Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 24, and was first brought to light in Masonry in St. Johns Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. He was a member of Ponassus Council, Royal Arcanum, also belonged to the Immediate Relief Association, and was a past regent in that order. His bereaved family reside in Norwalk.

ARTHUR D. CALDWELL

Masonically raised in Charles W. Moore Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Fitchburg, Mass.; exalted in Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27; passed under the ninth arch in Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., all of Meriden. Through the medium of the latter he was ennobled in Pyramid Temple on May 10, 1911. He also holds membership in the Colonial Club of Meriden. Noble Caldwell was born in Summerside, Prince Edward Isand, Can., December 20, 1873, and was educated in his native place. His father was James Caldwell, and his mother is Eliza E. Crosier Caldwell, both of whom were born in Summerside, Prince Edward Island. January 24, 1907, marked the date of his marriage in Lynn, Mass., to Sarah B. Whitehead of that city, daughter of James and Maria Beaton Whitehead, both natives of Glasgow, Scotland, and their only child is Jennie Elizabeth, born February 17, 1908. He is a member of the Presbyterian denomination, which faith he also claims by inheritance, and Mrs. Caldwell, too, is of that belief. He enjoys hunting and boating by way of recreations. From April, 1897, to February, 1906, he was employed by the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, but is now connected with the National Biscuit Company in their Meriden branch, located at 13 Cherry Street. He also resides in Meriden, at 248 Cook Avenue.

R. IRWIN SMITH

An affiliate of Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13, of which he is a trustee; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., being senior warden of same; was admitted to the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple No. 8, on May 9, 1895, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 2041. He served as secretary of the Pyramid Arab Patrol organization for a year, beginning December 8, 1909. Noble Smith organized the Fellowcrafters' Association of Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., of Bridgeport, on November 22, 1907, and was its president, 1907-8, and secretary of the Masonic Directory Committee of Bridgeport and vicinity, 1908-09-10. Noble Smith is a member of the I. O. O. F., in Morning Star Lodge No. 4, in Philadelphia, and the Algonquin Club in Bridgeport. The City of Brotherly Love was his birthplace on June 22, 1865, and he was there educated. His parents were Samuel North and Esther Margaret (Irwin) Smith, both from the North of Ireland, and Presbyterians. His marriage to Carolyne Elizabeth Severin of Brooklyn, N. Y., daughter of Alex Severin, native of Germany, took place on January 20, 1902. Noble Smith is accountant for the Bullard Machine Tool Company of Bridgeport, and has been, since 1902. Prior to that he was accountant for the American Graphophone Company from 1888 to 1902, and the first ten years of his business life was employed as a real estate and insurance agent on his own account. He is fond of athletics and all outdoor sports, and his home is in Bridgeport, at 207 Laurel Avenue.

ALBERT JONES MERRITT

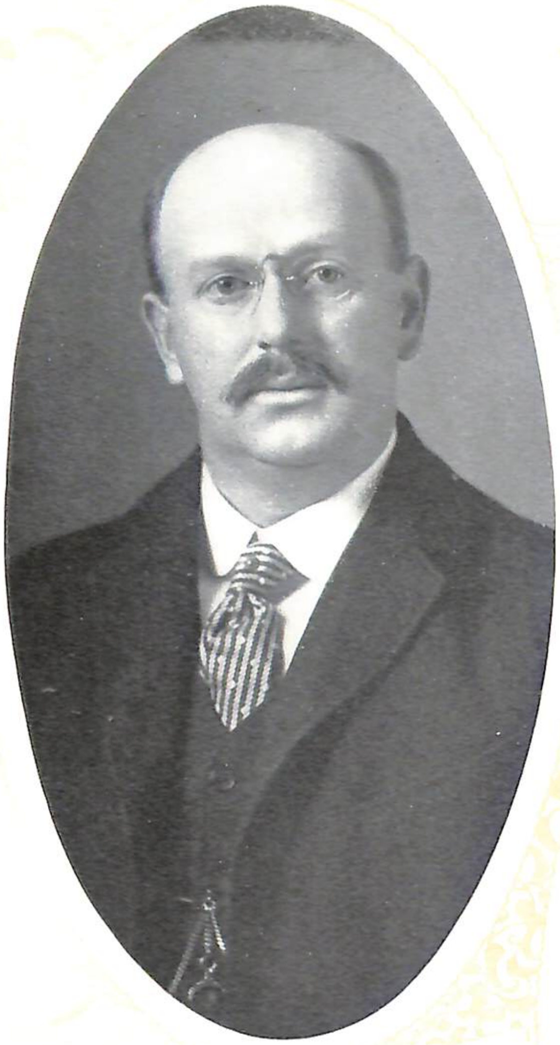
An Arab in Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, and secretary of the Arab Patrol organization, was born in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., November 5, 1878, and received an education in the public and private schools of Bridgeport and Boston. Noble Merritt graduated from the Bridgeport high school course in 1898, and later, from the Yale Law School. He is engaged in a general law practice, and since July 1, 1905, has been prosecuting liquor agent for Fairfield County.

His Masonic affiliations are in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. Sir Knight Merritt was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 18, 1906, his enrollment therein being 1981. He is, too, a member of several other fraternal orders: of the Algonquin Club, and several yacht clubs; also the Army and Navy Club of New York, and is lieutenant in Third Division of Naval Militia of Connecticut, devoting much of his time to duties connected with that organization.

Yachting is his favorite pastime. He is fond of historical and political literature; is a Republican; at times, a very busy politician, and his business address, 1188 Main Street, Bridgeport.

CAPTAIN FRANK W. ROWLEY

A 32° Mason of New Haven, entered Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., as a life member, on November 23, 1908, with enrollment 2226. He was raised in Masonry in Temple Lodge No. 65, A. F. & A. M., in West Port, from which he dimitted to join Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., in New Haven. He also holds Masonic connections with Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and with the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in New Haven, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°, of Bridgeport. Noble Rowley was born in Patchogue, Long Island, N. Y., on January 16, 1869, and received an education in the public and private schools of New York. His father was Reuben W. Rowley, also born in Patchogue, and his mother is Jennie F. Still Rowley, native of Bluepoint, N. Y. On April 30, 1890, he was married to Susie A. Marshall of Patchogue, the ceremony uniting their lives having been performed in that city. Noble Rowley has been in the oyster business for the past twenty-five years, the first eight of which were in the State of New York, and the past seventeen years in Connecticut. His present business is located in New Haven, and his residence also, the latter being at 128 Howard Avenue.



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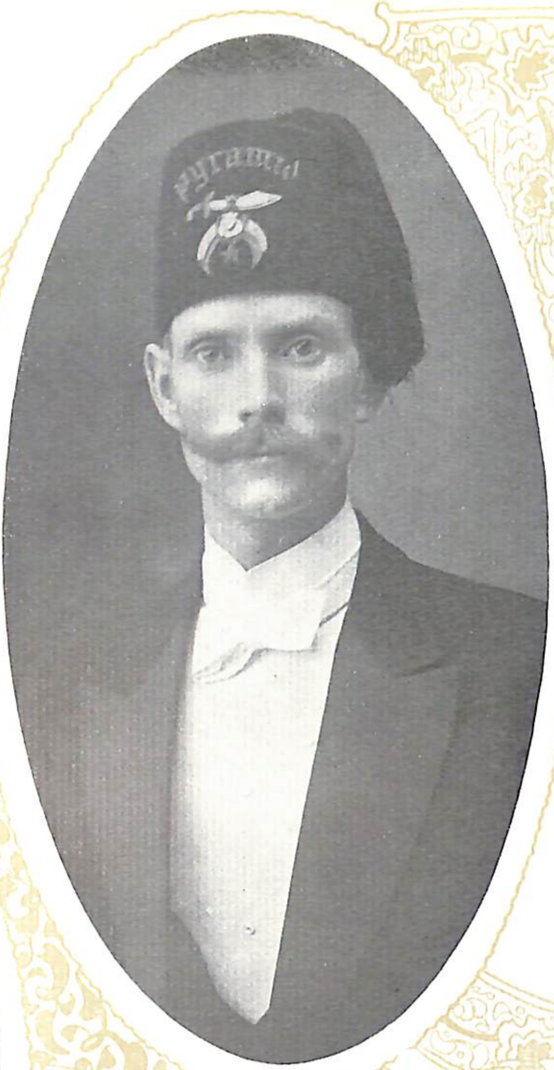

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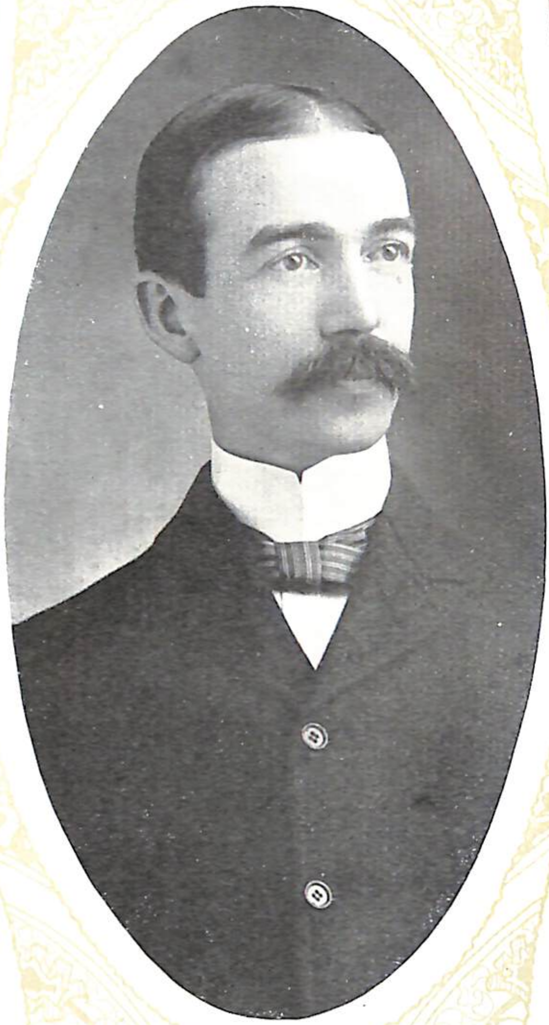

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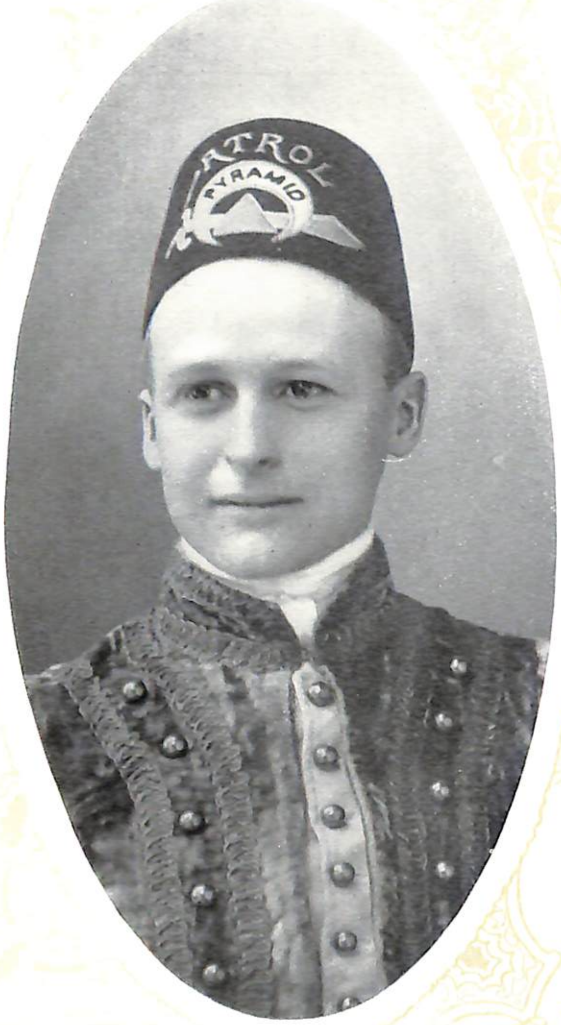
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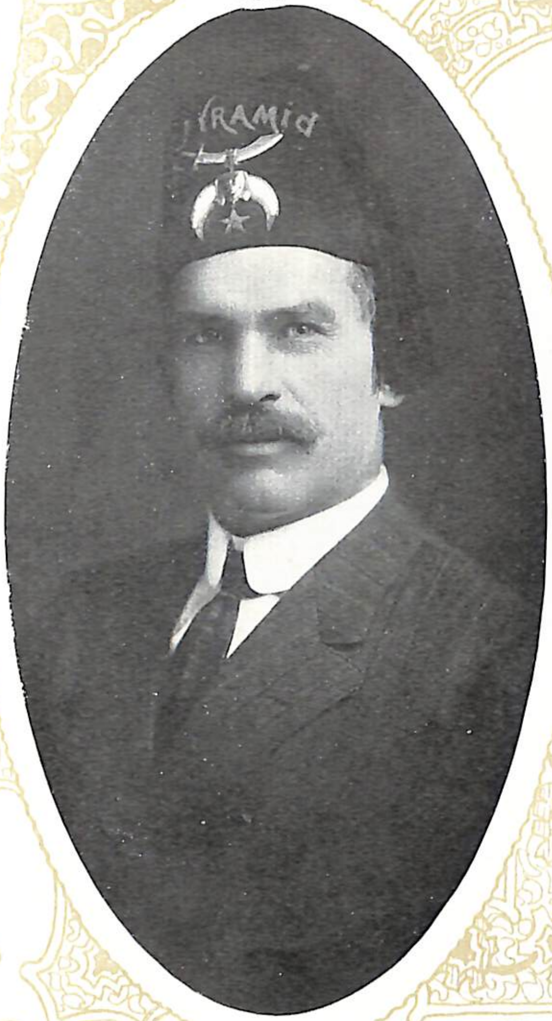

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FREDERICK J. BENTON

One of the Arab Patrol in Pyramid, the eighth temple by order of priority in that Ancient Arabic Order so recently transplanted to these Western shores, and of such phenomenal membership. He was received into the nobility of that illustrious body on May 27, 1905, his enrollment therein being 1912. Prior to that time he became identified with Masonry in Dayspring Lodge No. 30, in Hamden; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He has also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees in the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport, including the thirty-second. He is, likewise, a member of Orient Chapter No. 1, in the Order of the Eastern Star, and an Odd Fellow in Adelphian Lodge No. 80. Noble Barton was born in New Haven, Conn., in 1873, and was educated in the public schools of his native city, later taking a course in the New Haven Business College. Fred Alonzo and Harriet Comstock Farris Benton are his parents. His father is a native of Derby, and his maternal ancestors are of Mayflower fame. Greensfarm, Conn., May 25, 1904, was the scene of his marriage to Alice D. Parsell, daughter of Capt. I. A. Parsell of Greensfarm. Their children are: Alice Comstock and Fred David. Noble Benton and family are Episcopalians. He is fond of camping and all outdoor sports, and is a member of the Algonquin Club, also of the American Canoe Association, and in politics, is a Republican. He is senior partner in the firm of F. A. Benton & Son, engravers and electrotypers, located at 590 Water Street, Bridgeport. Personally, he also conducts a farm at Milford, and his favorite reading is books on agriculture and botany.

SAMUEL E. RYDER

Of Danbury, was born in Paterson, N. Y., and received an education in the grammar and high schools of Danbury. His father is Cicero H. Ryder native of Paterson, and his mother was Laura Smith Ryder, also of Paterson. He was married October 11, 1906, to Minnie E. Peavy, daughter of David and Minnie McDonald Peavy of Danbury. Though bred in the Baptist faith, Noble Ryder has espoused Episcopalianism. He holds Masonic connections with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council, No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. Subsequently, on December 9, 1907, he attained membership in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, with enrollment 2122. He is also a member of the Junior Master Mechanics, and is much interested in mechanical engineering. For seven years from 1895, he was machinist with the Turner Machine Company, and since 1902 he has been secretary of the Green Auto Company, 204 Main Street, Danbury. His residence is at 41 Stevens Street, same city.

FRED A. STRONG

An Arab of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., also player of the clarinet in its Band, was received into the nobility of Pyramid on April 27, 1899, the number of his enrollment therein being 1324. He is a 32° Mason, bearing allegiance to St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and to the several Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S. He is also affiliated with the Odd Fellows in Pequonnock Lodge, Bridgeport, and in Stratfield Encampment, in which he is a past chief patriarch.

For six years he was fire commissioner of Bridgeport, and was superintendent of The Eaton, Cole and Burnham Company, for thirteen years prior to 1907, since which time his business has been that of consulting mechanical expert.

Noble Strong was born in Florence, Mass., September 29, 1861, and received an education in Bridgeport, completing the high school course in 1881. His father was John W. Strong, native of South Carpentry, Conn., and his mother was Ellen E. Stocking Strong, of Springfield, Mass. In Bridgeport, October 17, 1889, he was married to Miss May W. Granniss of that city. They have one son, Horace D. Noble Strong was brought up in the Universalist faith. Autoing, music, golf, and tennis are his favorite pastimes, and he holds membership in the Sea Side, Algonquin, and Brooklawn Country Clubs. His residence is in Bridgeport, at 2211 Main Street.

LEONARD M. ALLEN

An Arab in the Patrol of Pyramid Temple, was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, on December 18, 1906. He received his York Rite degrees from St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He has also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees, including the thirty-second, being a member of Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Allen was born in Boston, Mass., October 28 1869, and there received a public school education, graduating from the high school, and taking a special course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College. His parents were Edgar and Jane Sutherland Allen, both Nova Scotians. He was married in Bridgeport, April 19, 1911, to Clara Mather of that city. Noble Allen is of Episcopal affiliation; hunting, fishing and tramping are his favorite recreations, also historical and political reading. From 1900, he has been credit man and head bookkeeper for the Bridgeport Brass Company, and his residence is at 1248 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport.

ANKER S. LYHNE

An Arab in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, into the nobility of which he was received on December 14, 1904, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 1800. In Freemasonry he bears allegiance to St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., in which he has held all the offices, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., being captain general of same. He is also a member of the Park City Yacht Club. In 1909 he was appointed presiding officer of the Bridgeport Metal Goods Manufacturing Company, the eight years prior to that having been spent in the interest of the Bridgeport Brass Company. He had also been superintendent of the New Britain Hardware Manufacturing Company for ten years, and with Sargent & Co. of New Haven for another ten years. Noble Lyhne was born of Danish parents in Hadersleben, Ger., December 3, 1865, and received an education in the public schools of his home town. His father was Jens Peter Lyhne, native of Lemvig, Denmark, and his mother, Juliane Berg Lyhne. He was married October 1, 1890, to Alice Elizabeth Stoneman of New Haven, daughter of George T. and Mary Bell Stoneman. They have three children: William Stoneman, Richmond Whiting and Helen Jeannette. His parents were of the Lutheran faith, and he is of the same. His business address is that of the Bridgeport Metals Goods Manufacturing Company, and he resides at 1026 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport.

EUGENE A. WEED

Of Stamford, was born in New York City, December 22, 1847, and attained his schooling in New York and Wisconsin, beginning his career as a mason and builder in 1867. After more than forty years of active business life, he has but recently retired to enjoy the well-earned fruits of his earnest labors.

Having been knighted as a Mason, in Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, he was admitted, on December 9, 1897, to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., his enrollment therein being 1248. His parents were Rufus and Charlotte Bowman Weed, the former native of New Canaan, and the latter, of Colts Neck, Monmouth County, N. J. On April 29, 1868, he was married to Emily Jane Morrell of Port Chester, N. Y., daughter of Elijah P. and Angeline Ferris Morrell. Their son, Harry E., was born June 16, 1877.

Noble Weed is a Methodist, is fond of outdoor sports and historical reading, and his home is at 324 Summer Street.

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CHARLES E. TAYLOR

Bears Masonic allegiance to Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.; and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. On May 13, 1908, he was admitted to membership in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, oasis of Bridgeport, with enrollment 2189. Noble Taylor was born in Danbury, Conn., May 8, 1885, the son of Henry H. and Nellie Dean Taylor, the former of Newtown, and the latter of Ridgefield. He attended the public schools of Danbury, and Stillman's Business College. His marriage to Nina Chase, daughter of Fred H. and Clara Smith Chase of South Kent, was celebrated in Kent, Conn., January 24, 1910. Noble and Mrs. Taylor both attend the Congregational Church, also his parents. Their residence is at 230 White Street, Danbury. Baseball, autoing and political reading are his favorite pastimes. Since 1906 he has been traveling salesman for the D. G. Penfield Company of Danbury.

WILLIAM EDWARD RISLEY

A 32° Mason and one of the early members of Pyramid Temple, was admitted to that illustrious body on February 23, 1885, and enrolled 124. He was previously affiliated with Continental Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of which he was worshipful master, 1887-89, inclusive: Eureka Chapter No. 22, R. A. M.; Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M., and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., all in Waterbury. His A. A. S. R. bodies are Doric Lodge of Perfection; Ionic Council of Princes of Jerusalem; Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix, all of New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Connecticut Association of Past Grand Commanders, and of the New England Association of Past Grand Commanders. He has ever favored Republican principles. Noble Risley was born in Hockanum, Conn., April 30, 1844, and was educated in the public schools of East Hartford. His parents were William H. and Delia Ann Hills Risley, the former, born February 1, 1817, and the latter, September 15, 1818, both having been natives of Hockanum. He was married in his native town, November 27, 1867, to Louise M. King of Hockanum. They have two children: Edward Hammond, born October 14, 1877, and Arthur LeRoy, October 3, 1882. Noble Risley's favorite sports are riding, shooting and fishing, while as a reader, he takes most delight in philosophical works. He was formerly, 1902-10, superintendent for the Towle Manufacturing Company of Newburyport, Mass., and prior to that for twenty-five years, 1876-1901, was superintendent and contractor for Rogers & Brothers of Waterbury. He has now retired from business activities, and resides in Brookline, Mass., at 33 Kent Square.

GEORGE E. SMITH

A 32° Mason of Stratford, and an Arab in Pyramid Temple, was received into that illustrious body of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on May 13, 1908, with enrollment 2176, having previously joined the Masonic bodies in St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., of Stratford; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, and he received his Scottish Rite degrees from the Bridgeport bodies.

Noble Smith was born in Milford, Conn., February 3, 1868, receiving an education at the Gunnery and Military Schools. His father is George T. Smith, native of Woodridge, and his mother was Sally E. Hubble Smith of Huntington.

Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes. He is the proprietor of Minor's Hotel in Stratford, and is there resident.

CHARLES H. HAYES

Noble 694, in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., entered that body, May 25, 1891, after receiving his York Rite Masonic degrees from George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., where he is a past master; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He began his career in the business world with Wallace and Sons, electricians in Ansonia, and shared the honor of building the first electric light, with William Wallace, his wife's brother, whose assistant he was, and who was considered a genius in scientific matters. His parents were William and Eunice Parsons Hayes, both of New York State, where he was educated. He was married in Derby, November 3, 1869, to Mrs. William H. Bristol, of Ansonia, daughter of Thomas and Agnes Lord Wallace, both of English birth. Noble Hayes retired from business in 1905. He is fond of hunting and fishing, and has been a great student of electricity, astronomy, and kindred scientific subjects. He is a veteran of the Civil War, having been a cavalryman in 1st Connecticut Volunteers. He now lives at 84 Gardner Street, Ansonia.

EDWARD PAYSON WEED

Has passed through all the chairs in the blue lodge, except those of senior deacon and senior warden; is past master in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., and past scribe in Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24, and has received the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite, having become a Prince of the Royal Secret in Lafayette Consistory. His connection with the Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, dates from December 10, 1900, and his membership is 1421. He is, likewise, a member of the Royal Arcanum in Ponassus Council No. 126, and his club affiliations are with Norwalk and Roxbury Clubs.

In 1904 he was representative to the Grand Lodge. He joined the militia as first lieutenant of Co. D, 4th Infantry, August 4, 1899, and was promoted to the post of captain on December 29, 1904, retiring therefrom on January 1, 1908. On May 4, 1908, he was appointed paymaster of the Coast Artillery Corps of the Connecticut National Guard.

Since 1895 he has been engaged in the drug business. Noble Weed was born in Norwalk, Conn., on New Year's Day, 1872. He attained an education in private schools in Norwalk supplementing same by a technical course in the College of Pharmacy, New York City. His father was Edward Payson Weed, Sr., native of Norwalk, and his mother is Sophia A. Lynes Weed, also of Norwalk. He was married to Minne J. Cook of Winnipeg, Manitoba, daughter of J. Gordon and Geddes Ross Cook, on February 24, 1910. Edward P., 3d, their son, was born December 23, 1910. They are Episcopalians. His business address is 38 Wall Street, Norwalk, and he resides at 20 Morgan Avenue.

CHARLES H. COX

Of Meriden, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on November 27, 1905, with membership 1930. He was Masonically qualified through his attainment of the York Rite degrees from Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar. He is, too, a member of the Elks, in Meriden Lodge No. 35. The Home Club of Meriden also claims his membership. Noble Cox was born in Hartford, Conn., March 16, 1875, and attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school. He is the son of James E. and Letitia Harrington Cox, the former of Salem, Va., and the latter, native of Cincinnati, O., both being Congregationalists. Since 1899 he has been proprietor of the dry and fancy goods store at 9 Colony Street, Mediden, and his residence is No. 90 Lincoln Street, Meriden. Golf is his favorite sport. He is unmarried.

Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory. His other fraternal affiliations are with the Odd Fellows in Housatonic Lodge No. 6; Valley Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in Bridgeport.

C. E. Taylor

William E. Risley

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LEWIS W. LEE

Admitted to the nobility of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on November 20, 1911, has Masonic connections with Harmony Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and affiliated with the I. O. O. F., in City Lodge No. 36. Noble Lee was born in New Haven, on May 16, 1884, and there received an education in the public schools. His father was James H. Lee of English birth, and his mother is Fannie Jane Lee also native of England. He was married in New York City, to Leilah May Meade, of New Haven, on August 23, 1909, and they have one child, Elizabeth Rhoda Meade. Noble and Mrs. Lee are Episcopalians. Autoing is his favorite diversion. Since 1900 he has been engaged in the plumbing, heating and contracting business, with headquarters at 414 Howard Avenue, New Haven. He also resides in New Haven.

THOMAS HAMILTON

A 32° Mason, Norwich being his home consistory, is a past commander of Palestine Commandery, and the Order of the Red Cross, that of the Temple, and the appended orders of Malta, Rhodes, and Palestine, having been conferred on him, he was duly received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 28, 1888, his being enrollment No. 328 in that illustrious body. His memberships include also the Thames, New London Union, and New Haven Clubs.

In 1903 he was elected by the Republican Party as senator from the Old Ninth District, consisting of Groton, Stonington, and North Stonington. He is engaged in the wholesale oyster business in Providence, R. I., and has carried on that business from 1868. From 1904 he has been president of the Groton and Stonington Street Railway Company, and since 1906 of the New London East Line; became treasurer of the H. R. Douglas Company in 1911, and of the Groton Real Estate Company in 1904, which positions he continues to fill, and he has also many other business interests in the State.

Noble Hamilton was born at Prince Edward Island, September 20, 1846, and was educated in private schools of that place. His father was Alexander H. Hamilton of Scottish birth, and his mother was of English birth, her maiden name having been Ann W. Pillman. He was married in November, 1872, to Eunice Ellen Watrous, of Groton. Their four children are: Clara, Harry T., Frank W., and Ruth E. His business is styled: "The Rocky Point Oyster Company," and its headquarters in Providence. He has also an office in New London, in the Neptune Building, his residence being in Groton.

CAPT. NELSON J. WAKELEE

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, is Masonically affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., in Stratford; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., all in Bridgeport, and with the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport. For more than forty years he has been master of coasting vessels plying between Providence and Philadelphia, the latter part of which time has been devoted to the oyster trade. Noble Wakelee was born in Newtown, Conn., August 19, 1848, receiving an education in the public schools of his native town and Stratford. His father is Ephraim Wakelee, also native of Newtown, and his mother was Mary J. Farnum Wakelee. He was married in Port Chester, N. Y., July 4, 1879, to Henrietta R. Baker, daughter of Bradley and Becca Allen Baker of Westport. They have three children: Robert N., Lilly E., and Howard. Noble Wakelee adheres to the doctrines of Methodism, and politically, to those of Democracy. His favorite sports are hunting and fishing. He resides in the town of Stratford.

FREDERICK EDWIN DICKERMAM

Admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on May 18, 1893, with enrollment No. 908, has Masonic connections with St. Andrew's Lodge No. 64, A. F. & A. M.; Meriden Chapter No. 15, R. A. M.; Tyrian Council No. 31, R. & S. M., and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T. He is a member of Clifton Lodge No. 30, of the I. O. O. F. in Winsted, and James E. Bidwell Encampment No. 12. In politics a Republican, he represented the town of Winchester in the Connecticut Legislature in 1907. For the past thirty-seven years he has been a passenger conductor for the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad, having been in that employ since 1862. Noble Dickerman was born in Hamden, Conn., October, 1847, receiving an education in public and private schools of New Haven. His parents were Edwin and Lucelia Peck Dickerman. He was married in Killingworth, on July 24, 1876, to Ella L. Willcox of that place. They are Congregationalists. In 1908 he was appointed superintendent of the State Capitol at Hartford, and now holds that position, residing at 157 Elm Street, Winsted.

LOUIS F. ANSCHUTZ

No. 2299 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to the nobility of that body, on November 22, 1909. Prior to that he had formed connections with the following Masonic bodies: George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35; Union Council No. 27, Royal and Select Masters, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., in which he was knighted. He is also a member of the Manufacturers' Club of Ansonia; of the Business Men's Association of Ansonia, Derby, Shelton and Seymour, and of the Young Men's Christian Association of Ansonia. Noble Anschutz was born in Jeffersonville, Ind. July 23, 1865. His father was William H. Anschutz, native of Baltimore, Md., and his mother is Nancy M. Flower Anschutz, formerly of Feeding Hill, Mass. His wife, to whom he was married February 21, 1889, was Emma A. Bradley of Ansonia. Their children are: Edward B., Louise F. and Lora M. Hunting, fishing and golf are the pastimes he prefers. Since 1895 he has been secretary and treasurer of the Ansonia Electrical Company, located at 63 Main Street, Ansonia, and his home is at 100 South Cliff Street, same town.

FRANK CLAY VAN SCOY

Elevated to membership in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 18, 1906, and enrolled as No. 2026, was admitted to that illustrius body through the medium of Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in Norwalk, in which he was granted knighthood. He was made a Mason in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., and received his capitular degrees in Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38. He is, too, a past noble grand in Butler Lodge of the Odd Fellows, and a member of the Royal Arcanum in Sherman Council, South Norwalk. He retired from business life in 1910, after thirty years as a plumbing and heating contractor. Noble Van Scoy was born in Port Chester, N. Y., July 17, 1865, and was educated in Park Institute, Rye, N. Y. His father was Theodore Van Scoy, native of North Salem, N. Y., and his mother is Arispa Parkinson Van Scoy, native of Anap, N. Y. Noble Van Scoy was married October 14, 1884, to Theresa Hall of Port Chester, daughter of George and Isabelle Van Tassell Hall. They reside in South Norwalk, at 11 Seaview Avenue.

Lewis W. Lee

Thomas Hamilton

F. E. Dickerman

N. J. Wakelee

L. H. Anschutz.

JOHN M. PAGE

A 32° Mason of Naugatuck, was born in North Branford, Conn., February 14, 1838. His father was Benjamin Page of North Branford, and his mother, Sarah Elizabeth Merriam of Meriden. He was married three times: First, to Carrie C. Cook of Wallingford; second, to Rebecca Williams, also of Wallingford, and his present wife, Sarah C. Williams, is of Meriden. He has four daughters by his second marriage, all of whom are themselves matrons: Mrs. Carrie Baldwin, Mrs. Nellie M. Clark, Mrs. L. B. Minor, and Mrs. Mattie E. Squires. Noble Page was master of Corinthian Lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M., for seven years; is past high priest of Allerton R. A. Chapter No. 39; a member of Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M., and of Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T.; also of the several Scottish Rite bodies in Waterbury, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. On May 25, 1891, he was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., his membership therein being 600. He is also a member of Natatuc Tribe in the Improved Order of Red Men. From 1899 to 1901, he was a representative to the House, his political affiliations being Democratic, and for a number of years he was town treasurer of Naugatuck, having been elected to that office in 1891. His church affiliations are Episcopal. In 1874, Noble Page engaged in his present line of business, that of plumbing and heating, and as a dealer in hardware, with headquarters at 175-185 Church Street, Naugatuck. He also resides in Naugatuck, at 270 Church Street.

ROYAL LACEY HIGGINS, M. D.

A member of the Board of Health, and for many years consulting physician of Norwalk Hospital, has been engaged in the general practice of his profession since March 1, 1867, and is the oldest member of the Fairfield County Medical Association, having become one of its members in that same year, forty-four years ago.

Doctor Higgins was born in Roxbury, Conn., August 10, 1841, and was the son of Lacey and Priscilla Silliman Higgins. His wife, to whom he was married in New York City, February 7, 1870, was Mary Elizabeth Watkins of New York, daughter of James Young and Catherine Wamsley Watkins. They have one child, a daughter, May Jerome, born October 26, 1873.

Noble Higgins knocked at the door of Masonry when a young man of twenty-three, and attained to the third degree on March 17, 1864. Removing from Bethel in 1864, he was admitted to Monroe Lodge 93 of Monroe, Conn., the number and name of which was then changed from Monroe 93, to Washington 19, and he acted as secretary pro tem of the lodge. He is also a member of Butler Chapter No. 38, R. A. M., of South Norwalk; of Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., of Norwalk, and of New York bodies of the Scottish Rite.. Subsequently, on June 7, 1887, he was received into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, his being but the 277th enrollment in that illustrious body.

His residence and offices are both at 55 West Avenue, Norwalk, Conn.

CHARLES EDMUND MASON

Was received into Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on March 3, 1891, his membership number being 576. He is connected with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23, where he is a past high priest; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., being a past commander; De Witt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Mason is money-order clerk in the Danbury Post Office, which position he has filled since 1899, having formerly been in the drug business. Danbury, Conn., was the place of his birth, on December 14, 1863, and his education was received in its public schools. He was the son of Charles B. Mason of Danbury and Mary A. Bennett Mason, formerly of Lake Mahopac, N. Y. He was married on March 5, 1902, to Mrs. Etta Keeler Beard of Danbury. They are both Congregationalists, and their residence is at 412 Main Street, Danbury.

WILLIAM C. COMSTOCK

Of Meriden, past worshipful master of Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M., and past eminent commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., is a 32° Mason, and one of the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, having been received into that body on May 26, 1892, the order of his enrollment therein being 840. He is secretary of the Home Club of Meriden. Noble Comstock was born in Meriden, April 7, 1865, and it was there he received his education, which was supplemented by a course in the Yale Business College. His father is William B. Comstock, native of Springfield, Mass., and his mother was Mary E. Stewart of New York City. His marriage to Maria R. Card, daughter of Col. H. C. and Maria Reynolds Card of Westerly, R. I., was celebrated in that town, on June 26, 1896. They have two sons, Robert C. and W. Stewart. He has been with The Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Company of Meriden, since 1883, and in 1886 was appointed foreman in one of their largest departments, becoming superintendent in 1903, which position he now fills. His home address is 104 Wilcox Avenue, Meriden.

CHARLES ZAPP

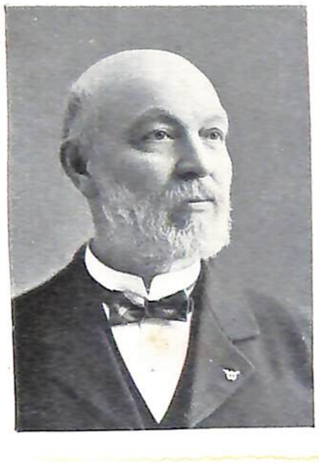
No. 228 in Pyramid Temple, having been ennobled in that illustrious body, on January 24, 1881. His Masonic affiliations are with Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of New Haven Lodge No. 25, of the Elks, and has been in the brewing business for thirty-five years as manager of the New Haven branch of the Jacob Ruppert Brewing Company. Noble Zapp is a native of New Haven, Conn., and was born December 29, 1855, receiving an education in the public schools of his native city. His parents were John and Amelia Schlegel Zapp, both of German origin. His business address is 87 Commerce Street, New Haven, and he resides at 162 Meadow Street.

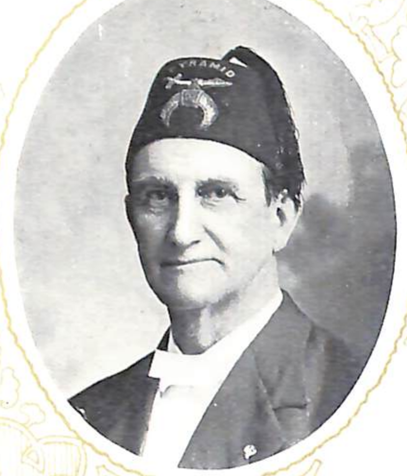
CHARLES E. HATCH

Received in Pyramid Tmple of the Mystic Shrine, and therein ennobled on May 27, 1889, with enrollment 376, was Masonically qualified in Harmony Lodge No 20, A. F. & A. M.; Giddings Chapter No. 25, R. A. M.; Doric Council No. 24, R. & S. M., of New Britain, and Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T., of Hartford. He was also made a Prince of the Royal Secret in Norwich Consistory. Noble Hatch was born in New York City, November 5, 1841, and was educated in the public schools of that city. His parents were John E. and Sarah Blauvelt Hatch, the former a Pennsylvanian by birth, and the latter of Blauveltville, N. Y. June 8, 1861, he enlisted with the 83d New York Volunteers and engaged in several skirmishes. During the three months' service, he was incapacitated, and was released from service in September, 1861. Re-enlisting in the 8th New York State Militia, he served in the draft riots in New York City, in 1862. His first marriage was in 1862, to Mary Namry of New York. Her demise occurred May 10, 1869. They had five children, one of whom survives, Joseph M. He was again married, on October 31, 1870, in East Hampton, Long Island, N. Y., to Catherine E. Barnes of that place. Their one child was Charles E. In religious belief they are Presbyterians, and attend the People's Church of Bridgeport, of which he is now deacon. Noble Hatch has retired from active business life, having been proprietor of the Windsor Hotel of Bridgeport, from 1895 to 1901, and prior to that, 1885-94, of the Russwin, at New Britain. His residence is at 38 Courtland Street, Bridgeport.

WILLIAM ALLEN CLARK

Enrolled 1452 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to its nobility on April 30, 1891, having previously received his Masonic York Rite degrees in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., in which he is a standard bearer. He is, likewise, a member of the Royal Arcanum, in Alfred Hall Council, and of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been vice commander for the year of 1909. He was worthy chief templar of Star of Hope Lodge, in 1873; was deputy grand worthy chief in 1874, and worthy patriarch of Hand-in-Hand Division of Sons of Temperance, in 1875. He enlisted at the age of fifteen, in the 14th Connecticut Volunteers in 1863, and served in the 32d United States Infantry, which was consolidated with the 21st Infantry, and stationed in Arizona Territory, among the Indians. In his honorable discharge from same his character was distinguished "excellent." Noble Clark is the son of Hezekiah P. Clark of Haddam and Julia N. Miller Clark of Middlefield, both natives of the good old Nutmeg State. He is married to Alice B. Kenney of New York, daughter of John and Lucretia Malinda Mansfield Kenney, and they have three chidren: William A., Edith M., and Alice J. Carpenter, the last-named being his wife's daughter. He began his business career in 1871, with the Foster & Merriman Company of Meriden, as foreman in their plating department. In 1895, he entered the employ of E. Miller & Company, also in the capacity of foreman, where he served until 1901, when the now existing connection was made with the Charles Parker Company of 48 Elm Street, Meriden. His residence is at 278 East Main Street.





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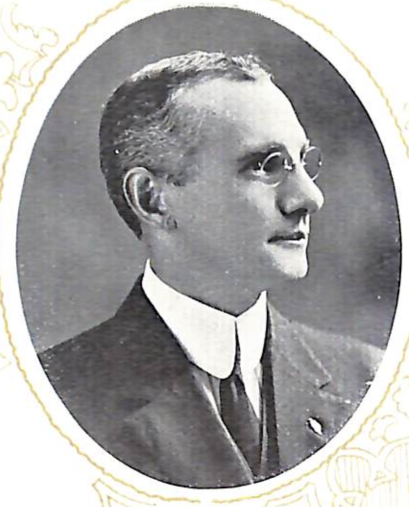

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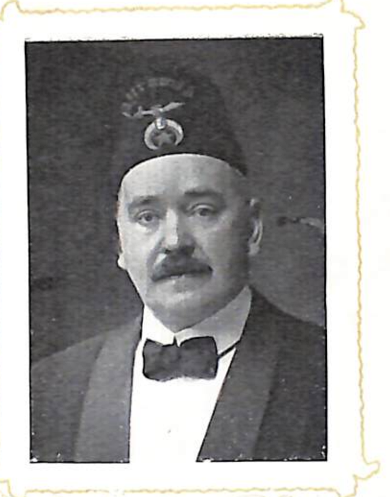

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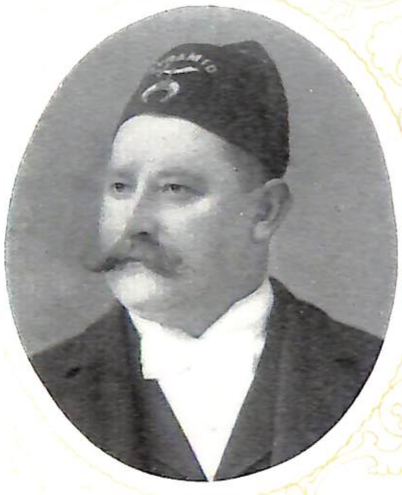

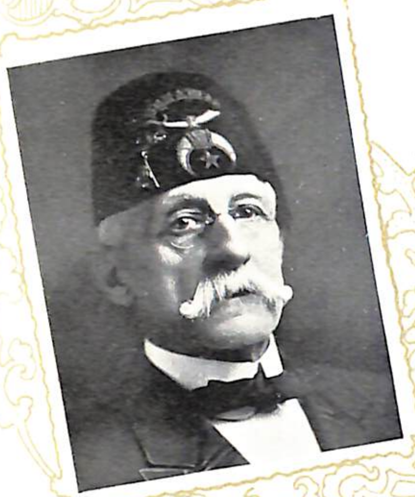

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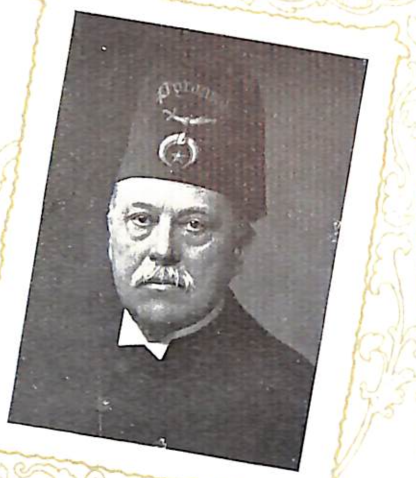

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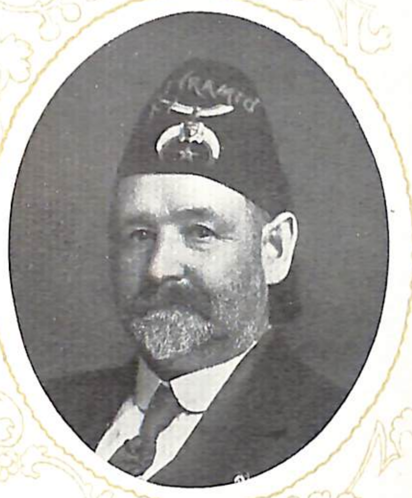

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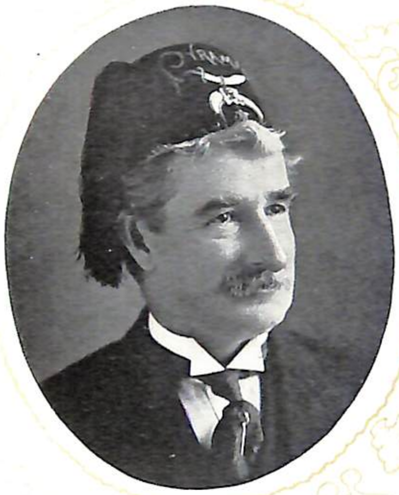

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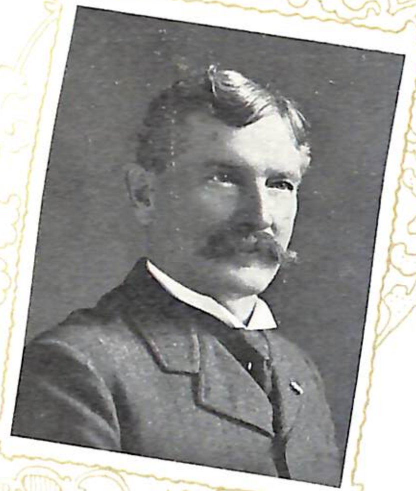

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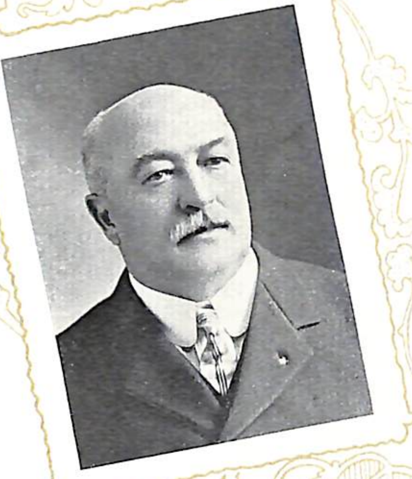

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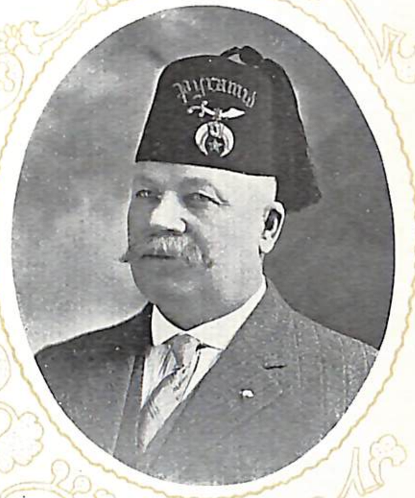

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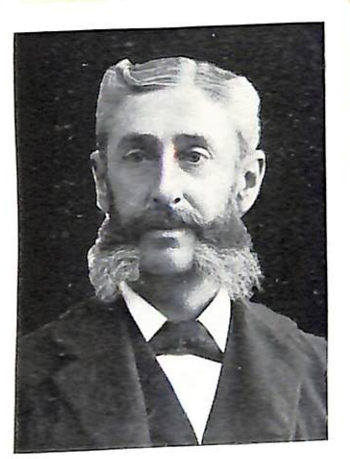

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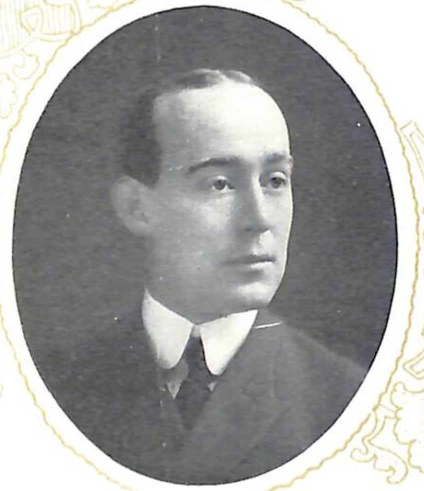

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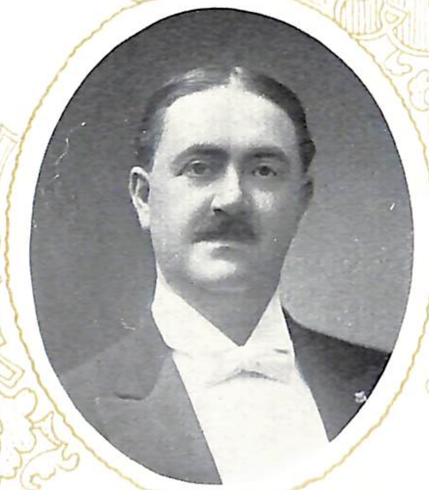

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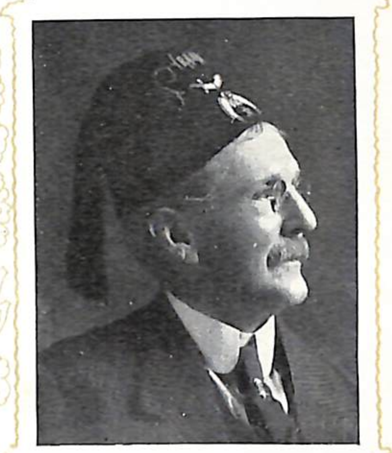

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WILLIAM W. PRICE

Has the distinction of being one of the first hundred nobles who bore the "burden and heat of the day," and whose influence will continue to be felt in an ever-increasing ratio as the name and fame of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., reverberates through the lengthening corridors of time. On January 29, 1885, he was ennobled in Pyramid Temple, with membership No. 96. He holds Masonic affiliations with the Grand Lodge, in which he was grand marshal, grand senior deacon, and grand senior warden, and with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; is a past master of Dayspring Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M.; of Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2 he has been high priest for three years; thrice illustrious master of Harmony Council No. 8, R & S. M.; was generalissimo in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., four years; served as master of ceremonies in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; as Sovereign Prince of Elm City Council for eleven years; was senior warden in New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and standard bearer in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. In Boston, he was invested with the 33° by the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Knights Templar, Quinnipiack, and New Haven Yacht Clubs claim his membership, and during forty years he was engaged in the business of printing and publishing, being considered a past master in that line. He has, however, now retired from business. Noble Price was born in New Haven, Conn., September 6, 1846, and attended both public and private schools of his native city. His parents were Samuel and Jane S. (Hine) Price, the former of Edinburgh, Scotland, and the latter of New Haven. He was married in Whitneyville, October 16, 1873, to Adelaide B. Benham. They have had two children, one of whom has passed away, the one surviving being William B. Noble Price and family attend the Congregational Church. Yachting is his favorite diversion, and history his preference in reading. He served in the Civil War for two and a half years, and was captain in the Goveronr s Foot Guard for thirteen and a half years, retiring from active service in 1908. His residence is 291 York Street, New Haven.

WALLACE DANN

One of the earliest members of Pyramid Temple, and the first Shriner from Norwalk, was received into its nobility, January 5, 1885, his being the 105th enrollment in that illustrious body. His Masonic affiliations embrace membership in Harmony Lodge No. 67, A. F. & A. M., in New Canaan, which he serves as junior warden; Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24, in Norwalk, which he is serving as high priest, and he is a past eminent commander of Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. In Wooster Lodge No. 37, of the Odd Fellows, in New Canaan, he is a past noble grand, and of the Elks in Norwalk he is a member. The Norwalk and St. Paul's Clubs also claim his membership. Politically a Democrat, he was in 1907-08, mayor of Norwalk; in 1903, representative to the Legislature; also chairman of School Funds and Contested Elections' Committees, in 1903, and water commissioner, 1903-07. He is a member of the Norwalk Board of School Visitors; was deputy sheriff three terms, and for nine years captain and chief of police in his home city. Noble Dann was born in Stamford, Conn., January 12, 1847, the son of William E. and Pauline Curtis Dann, both of whom are natives of Stamford. He was married September 1, 1869, to Clarissa J. Dikeman of Ridgefield, daughter of Niran and Mary Jane Dikeman. For several years, Noble Dann has been vestryman in the Episcopal Church. History is his favorite reading, and he enjoys all outdoor sports. He resides in Norwalk, at 22 France Street, and his business address is that of the Norwalk Brass Company. He fills the presidency of that company, and was elected to that position twenty years ago, in 1891. The company manufacture brass goods of every kind.

WILLIAM T. ST. JOHN

Of Danbury, became a member of Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, twenty-one years ago, his enrollment in that body being 494. He received his Master Mason degree in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; was made a Royal Arch Mason in Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., and granted knighthood in Crusader Commandery No. 10, prior to his admission to Pyramid, on May 5, 1890. He was appointed inspector in the hat factory of the Hawes, Von Gol Company of Danbury, in 1910, and for fifteen years was engaged in the wholesale boot and shoe business, and as bookkeeper for ten years.

Born in Danbury, October 31, 1844, he received an education in the public schools of that place, and in Irving Academy. His parents were George and Emmeline Smith St. John, natives of New York. His marriage to Marion D. White, daughter of Charles and Jenny Elvira Deere White, took place in Danbury, December 18, 1878. They have three daughters: Ethel D., Elizabeth N., and Jennie B. His religious affiliations are Episcopal; his favorite sports, fishing and baseball, and he resides at 72 West Wooster Street.

CHARLES E. COMSTOCK

Of Danbury, proprietor of the City Cigar Store since 1910; steam railroad conductor on the New York, New Haven and Hartford line from 1886 to 1900, also past alderman of Danbury, 1900, was born in Old Lyme, Conn., March 9, 1861, and received his education in his home town. His father was Merritt A. Comstock, and his mother is Sarah J. Lord Comstock. They were both natives of Old Line. He was married in New York, July 21, 1890, to Fannie E. Peck, daughter of Edgar L. and Martha Keeler Peck of Bridgewater. Their two children are: Charles F., born February 20, 1901, and Edith, born in August, 1899.

Noble Comstock knocked at the door of Masonry in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., and was therein entered, passed, and raised. He was advanced and exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; the cryptic degrees were conferred on him in Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and he was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He was accordingly admitted to Pyramid Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, on June 6, 1907, and enrolled as No. 2092. His other affiliations are with Progressive Lodge No. 18, of the Odd Fellows in Danbury, of which he is a charter member, and the Royal Arcanum. He is also a member of Wooster Club, and of the Order of Railroad Conductors. Noble Comstock assisted materially in assembling the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen No. 332. This newly-created body has been rightly named "The C. F. Comstock Lodge."

Noble Comstock is Episcopal in his religious belief; Republican in political faith; fond of all outdoor sports, and of scientific reading. He conducts his business at 285 Main Street, and his home is at 30 Balmforth Avenue, both in Danbury.

NATHAN T. BULKLEY

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 2, 1902, and therein enrolled No. 1561, is Masonically allied with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., which he served seven years as treasurer. He is also a member of Danbury Club. Born in Danbury, Conn., December 29, 1852, he acquired an education in the public schools of his home city. His father was Turney Buckley of Danbury, and his mother is Olive Warren Buckley of Carmel, N. Y. On February 19, 1877, his marriage to Anna R. Cowperthwaite of Danbury, daughter of George E. and Mary Topping Cowperthwaite of New York, took place in that city. Noble Buckley has four children: Nathan C., Olive W., George T., and Warren W. His religious affiliations are Episcopal, although bred in the Baptist faith. His favorite sports and pastimes are fishing at lake shore resorts, autoing, and the reading of general news. In political circles he is a Republican, and served as water commissioner, 1885-88. From 1873 to 1887, he was messenger of the Adams Express Company on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and has been a director of the Danbury Fair, since 1895. His business address is 208 Main Street, Danbury, and he resides at 8 Robinson Avenue, also in Danbury.

GEORGE ALMON TUCKER

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, on December 14, 1898, and therein enrolled 1310, has been connected with the Masonic Order since 1870. He is a past master of Day Spring Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M., Dept. Conn.; a member of Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; of Harmony Council No. 8, R & S. M.; of New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and belongs to all of the Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, in which he was made a 32° Mason. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club, and belongs to Admiral Foote Post of the G. A. R., having served four years and two months during the Civil War, in which he enlisted at the age of fifteen years. He has, likewise, been a member of the Governor's Foot Guard of Connecticut, for seventeen years, with rank of captain. Noble Tucker has been connected with the importing house of Bennett, Sloan & Company of New York, for the past twenty-seven years, retiring from active business, February 1, 1911. He was educated in the schools of Woodbridge, Conn., where he was born March 10, 1847. His parents were Mark and Martha Smith Roberts Tucker, his father having been a native of Woodbridge, and his mother, of Litchfield. Noble Tucker was married in New York City, July 4, 1868, to Clara J. Taylor of Naugatuck. They reside at 20 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven.

REUBEN B. PEARCE

Of Danbury, was born in Danbury, Conn., the son of David and Caroline Selleck Pearce. His wife was Henrietta G. Hull, daughter of Jarvis P. Hull, all natives of Danbury. Their two children are Chontau E., now resident of Elizabeth, N. J., and Mrs. Solomon Wright, Jr., of Montclair, N. J. Noble Pearce is a vestryman in the Episcopal Church in Danbury. His parents also were Episcopalians. Travel is his favorite diversion. He is a member of the Danbury Club, and since 1910 of the Town School Committee; is president, and was organizer of the Local Board of Fire Underwriters in 1908. Noble Pearce is vice president of the Connecticut Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents, having been in the general insurance business since 1894; has also been interested in the real estate business, and was formerly agent for the New York and New England Railroad Company. In 1905, as owner, he built the Masonic Block, one of the largest and best equipped business buildings in the city, the ground floors being occupied by stores, and the second floor by Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., the lodge rooms being admirably adapted to their use. As a Mason, he was entered, passed and raised in Occidental Lodge No. 163, in St. Louis, Mo., from which he was dimitted to join Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in Danbury; he was exalted in Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 78, on September 17, 1874, and was knighted in Ascalon Commandery No. 16, K. T., both in St Louis, from which he was dimitted on November 14, 1902, to join Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He became a member of Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., on February 18, 1907. On June 6, 1887, he was granted admittance to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., his enrollment therein being 258. His business address is 203 Main Street, Danbury, and he also resides in Danbury, at 118 Deer Hill Avenue.

WILLIAM HOWARD WAKELEE

Of Southbury, was born in Southbury, Conn., March 19, 1862, and received his education in the public schools of New Haven and Giles private school. His father was J. Stamley Wakelee, native of Roxbury, and his mother is Elizabeth A. Downes Wakelee. She also was born in Southbury. He was married May 16, 1894, to Martha W. Mitchell of Southbury, daughter of Henry P. and Phoebe Stoddard Mitchell. He is a member of the Congregational Church, as were also his parents. Automobiling and boating are his favorite pastimes, and he holds membership in the Waterbury Auto Club, and is secretary of the Legislative Reunion Club. His political affiliations are in the Republican Party, and he is a constable. In 1903 he was a representative to the Legislature, and from 1890 to 1910 was census enumerator for the United States Government. He is also a representative of the Associated Press; has been deputy sheriff; is chairman of the Walnut Beach Improvement Association, on the Police and Sanitary Board, and is now serving his town as health officer. He is a 32° Mason and belongs to Hiram Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Hiram R. A. Chapter No. 1, being a past master; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He was received into the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, December 2, 1902, his membership in that body being 1558. His business connection is that of secretary and treasurer of the Jeruald & Townsend Manufacturing Company of New Haven, and he resides in Southbury.

JOHN N. LEONARD

A 32° Mason of New Haven, became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 28, 1888, with membership 336. His York Rite degrees were received from Olive Branch Lodge No. 84, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and he received the several degrees of the Scottish Rite in the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar Club; is connected with the A. O. U. W., in Israel Putnam Lodge; with the Royal Arcanum, in Hillhouse Council, and with the Heptasphos, in Yale Conclave; the Young Men's Republican Club, and the Chamber of Commerce of New Haven. His political belief is Republicanism, and he has served as a member of the Board of Relief. Noble Leonard has been engaged in the building and contracting business for himself since 1875. He was born in Westville, Conn., January 24, 1842, the son of Linas H. and Maria Burwell Leonard. He attended the public schools of his native town and West Rock Academy, and on August 4, 1869, was married in Oxford, to Martha F. Pardee of that town. They have three children: Harry A., Susie M. and Grace A. He was brought up in the Methodist faith. Baseball is his favorite pastime. On August 25, 1862, he enlisted in Company E of the 15th Connecticut Volunteers, and served with the regiment until the close of the war; was captured at Kinston, N. C., on March 8, 1865, and taken to Libby Prison, Richmond, Va. He was discharged as sergeant, at New Haven, on July 12, 1865. His business office is 902 Chapel Street, New Haven, and his residence, 90 Alden Avenue, Westville.

ROBERT W. BEECHER

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on January 29, 1885, and by order of enrollment No. 67, is Masonically connected with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32° He is also a past grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Harmony Lodge No. 5, and a p. c. p. of Golden Rule Encampment No. 24; a member of Paul Revere Lodge No. 65, of the Knights of Pythias, and first past president of the Order of Owls, in Nest No. 1049, New Haven. Noble Beecher was born in New Haven, Conn., December 14, 1838. He was educated in his native city, also New York City and Boston. His parents were Henry and Harriet M. Woodward Beecher. He was married in New Haven, October 23, 1860, to Jennett F. Goodsell of that city, daughter of E. P. and Eliza Farren Goodsell. One son was born to them in 1869. From 1861 Noble Beecher was interested in oyster-farming as junior member of the firm of E. P. Goodsell and Company, until 1887, when he transferred his interests to the real estate and insurance business in Denver, Col., where he now resides.

GEORGE WAKEMAN OSBORN, M. D.

Eldest son of David Hull and Melissa (Banks) Osborn, was born in Easton, Conn., November 6, 1860; prepared for college at Staples' Academy in Easton in 1884; graduated from the academic department of Yale University, with the degree of B. A.; from the medical department of Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, with the degree of M. D., in 1887. He served one year as house physician of the Bridgeport Hospital; has practiced medicine in Bridgeport since 1888; was connected with the Emergency Hospital for eight years, and is at present physician to St. Vincent's Hospital, and surgeon to the Fire Department; is a member of the Fairfield County, the Connecticut, and the American Medical Associations; also of the Algonquin Club, and Sons of the American Revolution; president of the Bridgeport Board of Health; former president of the Democratic Association, and since 1889 medical examiner of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York. Masonically his attachments are with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; Lafayette Consistory, A. A. S. R., and he was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 22, 1897, with enrollment 1212, and is one of the original members of its Arab Patrol. He is fraternally affiliated with the Elks, the Red Men, and Foresters. Noble Osborn is a lineal descendant in the eighth generation from Captain Richard Osborn, who, in 1634, emigrated from London, Eng., to Hingham, Mass., and residing for several years in New Haven, settled in Fairfield, about 1653, where he was granted eighty acres of land for services in the Pequot War. His ancestors have resided in Fairfield and Easton, for the past two hundred and fifty years. Noble Osborn was married November 27, 1888, to Nellie M. Boynton, daughter of Ellen M. (Very) Boynton of Peabody, Mass. She is a lineal descendant in the ninth generation from John Boynton, who emigrated from Yorkshire, Eng., and settled in Rowley, Mass., in 1638. Her great-great-grandfather, James Boynton, was killed in the Battle of Bunker Hill. She is a Daughter of the American Revolution; graduated from the State Normal School, Salem, Mass., and taught several years in the public schools of Peabody, Mass. In 1900, Dr. and Mrs. Osborn made a tour across the continent of Europe, visiting nine foreign countries. In 1904, Dr. Osborn made a tour to the Pacific Coast. Children of Dr. and Mrs. Osborn are: Lelius Boynton, born November 7, 1890, died July 3, 1891; Beatrice Melissa, born April 18, 1892; Helen Eugenie, February 20, 1897, and Richard Galen, December 14, 1903. Dr. Osborn resides at 888 Broad Street, Bridgeport, where he carries on the business of his profession.

MAITLAND MACTAGGERT

Received his York Rite Masonic degrees in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., in which he has served as captain of the host; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., being its standard bearer. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the A. A. R. S. bodies in New Haven, and Lafayette S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. He was enrolled in Pyramid Temple A. A., O N. M. S., on November 23, 1908, with membership 2221. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven; of Yale Lodge, Independent Order of Foresters, and was chief ranger of Elmwood Lodge of the I. O. O. F., before it was consolidated with Yale Lodge. He is manager for the C. F. Adams Company of New Haven, in whose employ he has been since 1897, his previous association having been with the Buffalo Brass and Iron Bedstead Company, where he worked himself up to foreman of the entire plant, which position he still held when the factory was totally destroyed by fire. Prior to that he was in the grocery trade in St. Thomas, Ont. Noble MacTaggert was born in Dunboyne, Ont., July 18, 1868, and graduated from the public schools of his native place, after which he took a commercial course in the Collegiate Institute at Aylmer, Ont. He is the son of John and Martha Jane Schooley MacTaggert of Dunboyne, Ont. His marriage to Emma Whalley of Canada took place in Buffalo, N. Y., February 20, 1894. They have one child, Bessie M. His business address is 490 State Street, New Haven, and his residence, 530 Whalley Avenue, same city.

WILLIAM NOYES STORRS

Entered the Unseen Temple July 10, 1903. He was Masonically affiliated with Morning Star Lodge No 47, A. F. & A. M.; Evening Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M., both of Seymour; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., of Derby, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He likewise held membership in the I. O. O. F. in Mechanics Lodge No. 63, also in Wildey Encampment No. 13, Order of the Eastern Star, and in the Order of the Amaranth. The lamented noble was born in Derby, Conn., March 4, 1830, and attained his schooling in his native city. His parents were Edmund B. and Eunice Loveland Storrs; the former, born in 1798, and the latter, in 1797. In New Haven, Conn., on July 25, 1852, he was married to Lavinia E. Chadwick, daughter of Frederick and Mary Parkis Chadwick, both having been natives of New York City. He also left one child, Hattie L., born May 25, 1854. Although bred in the Episcopal faith, he later espoused Methodism, which was also the belief of Mrs. Storrs. His favorite sport was hunting. On political questions he was essentially Republican, and he served as grand juror for a matter of ten years. His business connection for twenty years was that of master mechanic for the New Haven Coffee Company, having formerly been a millwright. He had his residence in Seymour.

FRANK GLOVER BASSETT

Welcomed by that earnest band of brother nobles in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1882, as their twenty-ninth accession, is Masonically related to Morning Star No. 47, A. F. & A. M., of Seymour, which he served as master in 1883; most excellent high priest of Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., of Ansonia, for four years, and Evening Star Chapter No. 47, R. A. M., also of Seymour, which body he served for eight years, as most excellent high priest. He was five years thrice illustrious master of Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., of Derby, and most puissant grand master of the Most Puissant Grand Council in 1887; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, P. of J.; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is likewise affiliated with Olive Chapter No. 26, O. E. S.; Eliza A. Macoy Court No. 1, O. of A.; is past grand patron of Grand Chapter, O. E. S.; past supreme royal patron of the Supreme Council, O. of A.; of Mechanics' Lodge No. 63, I. O. O. F., and Wildey Encampment No. 26, also of the I. O. O. F., being respectively, past noble grand and chief patriarch. Noble Bassett was born in Derby, Conn., September 28, 1847, and was educated at the Glendining School of Stamford, studying English, Latin, and mathematics; he graduated in 1863. His parents were Amos and Huldah K. (Rowe) Bassett, the former born October 5, 1820, and the latter, February 17, 1825. January 9, 1878, marked the date of his marriage to Hattie L. Storrs of Seymour, born May 25, 1854, daughter of William N. and Lavinia E. (Chadwick) Storrs of Seymour He was born in Derby, March 4, 1831. Lavinia E. Chadwick was born in New York City, June 6, 1834. Their firstborn, Louis S., first saw the light of day on October 11, 1880, and passed away September 9, 1881. They have a daughter, Clara Belle S., born October 19, 1882. Noble Bassett is an adherent of the Episcopal faith, while Mrs. Bassett is of the Methodist Episcopal persuasion. He delights in reading historical works, and, as a Democrat, has served on the Board of Relief successively for three terms, 1898 to 1901 inclusive. From 1879 to 1891 he was a contractor with the A. B. C. Company of Ansonia, prior to which he was a store clerk. For the past twenty-five years he has been a record-searching genealogist. He is also interested in historical work and farming, and is the author of the genealogical part of the History of the Town of Seymour, and assisted in writing its history. He resides at 45 North Street, Seymour.

JAMES E. MINOR

Entered the Unseen Temple on September 27, 1910. He received his Masonic degress from Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 18, 1893, and therein enrolled as No. 895. He held membership in the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and in the local association of Railroad Engineers, also in their grand body. Noble Minor was born in Port Chester, N. Y., October 12, 1843, and at the age of ten had accomplished so much in his studies that the citizens of his native town paid his tuition in the local academy. At that tender age he also began his business endeavors, forging ahead until he became a railroad engineer on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, which position he held for twenty years. For thirty years he was a traveling engineer for the Nathan Manufacturing Company of New York. His widow was Ella Perkins, a native of Bethany. The lamented noble also left three sons: Dr. Waldron Minor, Clifford E., and William T. Noble Minor was a Universalist, in which faith he was also reared. His bereaved family resides at 271 Orange Street, New Haven.

EDWARD HALL WASHBURN

A resident of New Haven, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 6, 1907, his enrollment therein being 2072. He is a York Rite Mason, and received his degrees from Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 20, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Washburn was born in the "City of Elms," on February 7, 1881, and was there educated, graduating in 1901 from the scientific course in the high school. His parents are Edward L. and Amelia B. Hennis Washburn, the former a native of Natick, Mass., and born May 12, 1839, and the latter of Elizabeth, N. J. He is a graduate of the Yale Law School, and since 1906 has been engaged in the practice of general law. His office is at 84 Church Street, New Haven, and his residence, 570 Howard Avenue.

FREDERICK W. POST

Became affiliated in Pyramid Temple No. 8, of the A. A. O. N M. S., on November 26, 1894, his Shrine diploma being numbered 30,652. He was Masonically qualified in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., all of New Haven. Born in Clinton, Conn., August 26, 1867, Noble Post acquired an education in the Morgan School of Clinton, grammar and Hillhouse High schools of New Haven and a private institute where he specialized in mechanical engineering. His father is John H. Post, born September 9, 1838, also in Clinton, and his mother, Hattie E. Hull Post, was born May 30, 1838. In New Haven, on November 19, 1895, the marriage rites were performed which united his life with that of Carrie B. Wright, daughter of Wilson R. and Cynthia L. Martin Wright, of that city. They have two children: Olive Wright, born April 25, 1898, and Harlan DeVere, April 10, 1900. Although bred in the Congregational faith, he has espoused the doctrines of the Episcopal Church, to which Mrs. Post also adheres. Noble Post is a lover of good wholesome sport, and in reading, chiefly enjoys scientific works. Singing is a favorite recreation, and he delighted Trumbull Lodge for a number of years as organist; has been musical director of New Haven Commandery; assisted in the musical work in the Hartford bodies while residing there, 1906-09; was charter member of the Hartford Choral Club, and member of the Hartford Saengerbund, being at present a member of the Hamilton Commandery Quartette, and Corinthian Quartette of Bridgeport. Since 1910 he has been chief draughtsman for the Bullard Machine Tool Company, prior to which he was for two years, in the engineering department of Pratt and Whitney, and formerly in the engineering department of the Bullard Machine Tool Company for five years, 1901-06, while his first business connection was as superintendent of an electrical engineering company of New Haven, from 1890 to 1899. He resides at 66 Poplar Street, Bridgeport.

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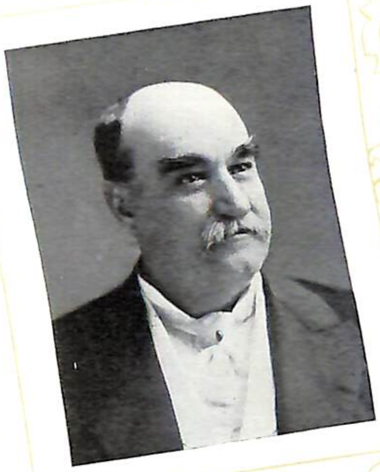
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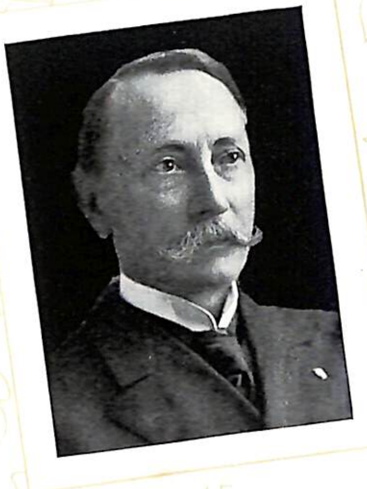
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GEORGE LORING PORTER, M. D.

Has received all of the degrees in Freemasonry, and was crowned by the Supreme Council with the 33°, A. A. S. R., N. M. J., in Pittsburg, Penn., on September 15, 1896. He first saw Masonic light in Hiram Lodge No. 10, A. F. & A. M., in the District of Columbia, on June 15, 1866; was advanced and exalted in Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; passed into Washington Council No. 16, R. & S. M., in which he is supreme grand of fifteenth and sixteenth degrees; was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; attained his fifteenth degree in Washington Council of P. of J.; proceeded into Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., welcomed him as its 104th member by order of enrollment, on January 29, 1885. He was an officer in the regular army, 1862-68, serving throughout the Civil War, and later in the Indian campaigns in Montana, and since then has made his home in Bridgeport. Noble Porter was president of the Sea Side Club in 1909; is an honorary member of the Algonquin and University Clubs; ex-president of the Bridgeport Outing Club, and of the Metabechouan Fish and Game Club of Quebec. He has been a practising physician since 1861, and is a past president of the Bridgeport Board of Health, and of the City, County and State Medical Societies. Noble Porter was born in Concord, N. H., April 29, 1838, and received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native town, and at schools in Farmington, Me., Pembroke and New London, N. H.; was graduated from Brown University in 1859, and from Jefferson Medical College in 1862. His parents were George and Clarissa Ayer Porter of Pittsburg, Penn. In November, 1862, he was married to Maria C. Chaffee of Providence. They have two children: George and James Benton. Noble Porter is a Republican, and a Baptist. He enjoys fishing as a pastime, and resides at 372 State Street, Bridgeport.

HARRY G. WATERBURY

No. 1819, in Pyramid Temple, to which he was admitted on December 14, 1904, having been knighted as a Mason in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., is well known throughout the State, being a past master of Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest of Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M., and past thrice illustrious master of Washington Council No. 6, of Royal and Select Masters. He believes in the principles of the Democratic Party, and was elected town treasurer of Stamford in October, 1903, for the ensuing term. He was also assistant postmaster from December 10, 1894, to 1897. Noble Waterbury was born in Stamford, Conn., November 10, 1868. His father is William T. Waterbury of Stamford, and his mother was Sarah Guley Waterbury of English origin. He was married to Mary L. Clark of Pittsfield, Mass., in that city, on April 25, 1901. Their religious affiliations are Episcopal. They reside at 39 Hoyt Street, Stamford. He is cashier of the Stamford Gas and Electric Company, since 1902, the five years prior to that having been bookkeeper for that company.

FERDINAND B. SMITH

Became a life noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on January 30, 1896, and was therein enrolled as No. 1153. His Masonic connections are with St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in which he is a past commander. He is also a charter member of Konckapotanaugh Tribe No. 30 of the Independent Order of Red Men, in Bridgeport, and a member of the Norwalk and "Wee Bum Golf Club" In politics and in principle, Democratic, he has served his home city as mayor, was sergeant of the 22d Regiment of New York, and four years a member; was one of the organizers of Company F of the 4th Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard at Norwalk. He was commissioned as 1st lieutenant, resigning that office in 1884. Noble Smith was born in Norwalk, Conn., November 6, 1848, receiving an education in the schools of Norwalk, and Wilton Academy, from which he graduated in 1863, having specialized in business and commerce. His parents were Burr and Sally Van Hoosear Smith. He has been twice married; his first wife having been Anna Waters of Norwalk, with whom he was united in marriage in Danbury, on January 15, 1870. Three children were born to them: Mason M., in 1871, Carrie E., in 1873, and Madison W., in 1876. His present wife is Geneva McLean of Ludlow, Mass. They were married September 3, 1902. He was a successful dry goods merchant, his business career continuing from 1863, until his retirement in 1902. He resides at Norwalk.

LEONARD J. NICKERSON

A 32° Mason and attorney-at-law in West Cornwall, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 1, 1903, and is there enrolled as 1709. His Masonic qualifications were attained in Blazing Star Lodge No. 74, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Hematite Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., having served as high priest; Tyrian Council No. 31, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is also grand marshal for 1911, in Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He served his town in 1883 as Republican representative to the House. Noble Nickerson was born in Cornwall, October 23, 1857, and was educated in the public schools of that place, and the Alger Institute. His wife was Alice P. New, of Cornwall, whom he married on September 16, 1896. She passed away December 12, 1909. He resides in Cornwall, and his business address is West Cornwall, Conn.

FRANK GERALD CLARK

Entered the nobility of the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, on June 7, 1907, his enrollment number being 2088. He is also affiliated with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, all in Danbury, and likewise holds membership in Progressive Lodge No. 18, of the Odd Fellows, in Danbury.

Noble Clark was born in Millbrook, N. Y., the son of Rufus and Mary A. Cromwell Clark. His wife was Sophie Mignerey of Danbury, daughter of Jacques and Elizabeth Parrette Mignerey. His home is in Danbury, at 140 South Street.

W. FREDERICK BRODNAX

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on June 14, 1904, and enrolled as No. 1871, is Masonically affiliated with Temple Lodge No. 9, F. & A. M.; Washington R. A. Chapter No. 9, and St. Andrew's Commandery No. 13, K T., all of Richmond, Va. Noble Brodnax was born in Rockingham County, N. C., the date being November 25, 1867, He attended the University of North Carolina and also the School of Technology of Richmond, Va. He is the son of E. T. and Alice Jones Brodnax, natives of Rockingham County, N. C. In Mauch Chunk, Penn., was solemnized the marriage of Noble Brodnax to Hattie J. McMullen, daughter of John and Mildred Cope McMullen. Their only child, who is the light of their home, is W. Frederick Brodnax, Jr., born January 9, 1899. Noble and Mrs. Brodnax are Episcopalians, as are his parents. He is a lover of golf, horseback riding, and the game of bridge. In reading he delights in the works of Dickens and Kipling, and his political convictions are Democratic. From 1889 to 1898, Noble Brodnax was employed by the Southern Railway Company, and two years by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway. The next eleven years he was connected with the United Gas Improvement Company of Philadelphia, until May 1, 1911, when he transferred his service as a gas engineer, to the J. G. White and Company, Inc., with headquarters in New York City, the branch with which he is temporarily connected being located in the Alaska Commercial Building, San Francisco, Cal. His residence is in Bethlehem, Penn.

JOSEPH P. FRISBIE

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, was created a Shriner in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1901, his enrollment therein being 1464, and on October 7, 1906, he was appointed a member of its Arab Patrol organization. He was raised in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Jerusalem Council No. 13, R. A. M., admitted to the ninth arch in Jerusalem Council, No. 16, R. & S. M., knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and had his Scottish Rite degrees conferred by the Bridgeport bodies of the A. A. S. R. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., in Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, and of the Algonquin and Sea Side Clubs. Born in Bridgeport, March 21, 1878, he there received an education. His father was William R. Frisbie, and his mother is Marie A. Black Frisbie. He was married on July 20, 1904, to Charlotte Adams, daughter of Rufus and Marie Locklin Adams of Bridgeport. He is president and treasurer of the firm of Frisbie Company of 663 Koruth Street, Bridgeport, established in 1879, and resides at 385 William Street, Bridgeport.

Frank G. Clark

W. Frederick Brodnax

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WILLIAM E. GRAHAM

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 20, 1911, holds membership in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. Noble Graham was born in Meriden, Conn., on August 26, 1878, and received an education in the public schools of Meriden, also attending the high school. His father was Alpheus S. Graham, having been born in Maine, and his mother is Emily Davis, of English birth. He was married in Meriden June 6, 1906, to Edna W. Smith of Meriden. His religious affiliations are Episcopal, and those of his parents also. He is interested in all outdoor sports, and is secretary of the Meriden Wheel Club and is also a member of the Colonial Club. For sixteen years he was clerk for Manning & Bowman Company of Meriden, manufacturers of silverware, and in 1910 accepted the position of manager for F. D. Smith at 29 East Main Street, Meriden. He also resides in Meriden, at 15 Linsley Avenue.

WILLIAM E. C. YOUNG

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was therein exalted to the rank of noble, on May 9, 1895, with enrollment 1075. His Masonic degrees were received in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is a member of Elks No. 25, of New Haven. Noble Young was born in Buffalo, N. Y., June 12, 1864, and was educated in the public schools of Chicago, Ill., and Buffalo, N. Y. His father is Captain Robert Young, and his mother was Margaret Alen Young. His marriage to Mary Findeisen of Dresden, Saxony, Ger., took place in Chicago, on February 27, 1889. They have one daughter, Evadne E. For the past twenty-three years he has been with the New Haven Evening Register, 88 Crown Street, New Haven, being foreman in the stereotyping department. He is also engaged in the manufacture of matrixes and tissue paper in New Haven. His residence is 23 Vernon Street, New Haven.

CLIFFORD B. WILSON

Inducted into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on November 22, 1909, and therein enrolled as No. 2282, is Masonically affiliated in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also an Odd Fellow in Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, where he is a past grand, being also a past chief patriarch of Stratfield Encampment No. 23. Noble Wilson was born in Bridgeport, Conn., December 2, 1879. His father was James A. Wilson, and his mother is Mary E. Wordin Wilson, native of Bridgeport. He graduated from the Bridgeport High School in 1898, later making a special study of law, under Judge Edward P. Nolbs, who had been his father's partner up to the time of demise of latter. Noble Wilson was assistant clerk of probate, 1899-1903, and in 1903 having been admitted to the bar in Bridgeport, there engaged in the general practice of law in 1904. He is a member of the law firm of Stevenson & Wilson, and since 1909 has been coroner of Fairfield County, which office he resigned January 1, 1912, having been elected mayor of Bridgeport, November 7, 1911. His business address is No. 83 Fairfield Avenue, and he resides at 153 Poplar Street, Bridgeport.

WILLIS N. BARBER

Was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1896, with membership 1197. His York Rite degrees came from Center Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master and the treasurer; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., of which he was eminent commander in 1904, and is the present recorder. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is a pharmacist by profession, owning and managing one of the largest and oldest drug stores in Meriden, which was established in 1868, at 298 East Main Street. Noble Barber was born in Harwinton, Conn., in early war times. His father, Norman B. Barber, enlisted in Company A, 19th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers Infantry, and gave his life for his country. Colonel Barber has been active in the Sons of Veterans, ever since they were organized in this State. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and served in the Second Regiment, C. N. G., seventeen consecutive years, retiring in 1901, as regimental hospital steward.

SAMUEL S. DIMOND

A 32° Mason, also a member of the Arab Patrol in Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, became a member of that body on November 22, 1909, with enrollment number 2285, having previously identified himself with the Masons in Bridgeport, in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13, Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He has since received the several Scottish Rite degrees from the A. A. S. R. bodies in Bridgeport. Sea Side Club also claims him as a member.

His business connections are with the R. & G. Corset Company of South Norwalk.

Noble Dimond was born in Nichols, Conn., March 16, 1868, the son of George H. and Louise C. Wilson Dimond, the former a native of Meriden, N. H., and the latter of Brooklyn, N. Y. He resides in Bridgeport, at 327 Ogden Streeet.

ERNEST P. LYON

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1910, the number of his enrollment being 1408. His Masonic affiliations are with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in which he was junior warden; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32,° He also holds membership in the Brooklawn Country Club.

Noble Lyon was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on August 8, 1870, and attended the public schools of his native city. He was the son of Edward H. and Jessie Porter Lyon of Bridgeport. He is married to Lucy B. J. Lockwood of Bridgeport, daughter of David B. Lockwood. One son has been born to them, Sydney L. Their church affiliations are Episcopal.

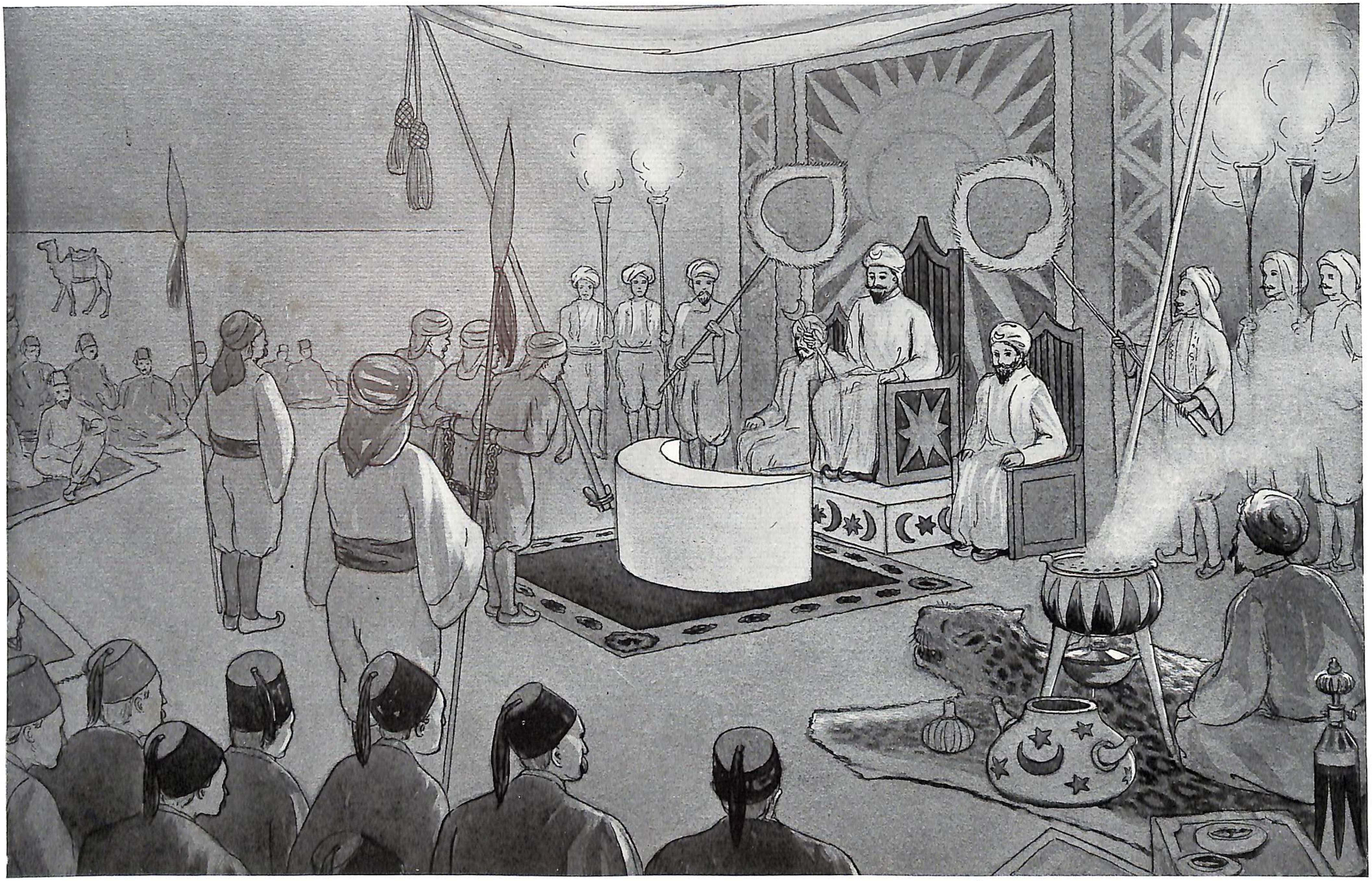
He votes the Republican ticket, and is past clerk of the Fire Commission, having held that office some years prior to 1910. He was also secretary of the Bridgeport Land and Title Company from 1898 to 1910, having previously been superintendent's chief clerk of the Housatonic Railroad Company. His business address is 110 West 34th Street, N. Y., while his home is at 1114 Park Avenue, Bridgeport.

EDMUND H. JUDSON

A 32° Mason, and affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., in Stratford, also with the remaining York and Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 6, 1906, and therein enrolled as 2094. He is also a member of the Algonquin and Seaside Clubs, and a Republican. Noble Judson was born in Stratford, Conn., December 9, 1867, receiving an education in the public schools of his native town. His parents were Theodore and Fanny Benjamin Judson, both of Stratford, and Congregationalists, as is their son. He was married in Stratford, in 1896, to Ida M. Atwood of that town. Noble and Mrs. Judson have a son, Edmund H., Jr. He has filled the post of treasurer of the Bridgeport Trust Company for more than twenty years, since 1890. His home is in Stratford.

JULIUS KOHLMAIER

An Arab in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to the nobility of that illustrious body, on November 28, 1910, and therein enrolled, 2337. His York Rite Masonic degrees were conferred by Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He has also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees in Masonry, and was made a 32° Mason, in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Elks, in Lodge No. 36; of Konckapotanaugh Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men, and of the Algonquin Club. Noble Kohlmaier was born in Cleveland, O., July 24, 1865, where he received a public school education, later attending the Spencerian Business College, in that city. His father is Adam Kohlmaier, of German birth and extraction. Since 1899, he has been a member of the tailoring and gents' furnishing firm of Towe and Kohlmaier, located at 981 Main Street, Bridgeport. He resides at 800 Lafayette Street, Bridgeport.



The Temple in the Desert

Impressive! Solemn! Strange! No levity mars the mystic rites. The gorgeous costumes, countless lights, the solemnity of the occasion, cannot fail to make a lasting impression upon the mind of the beholder. No strange intruder mars the perfect pleasures of the elect. "Strike the chains from the captives, they are now of noble birth!"

"Stir thy lethargy, The Arab's path begins; Arouse ye! Go forth! And expiate thy sins."

"Now, let us again offer a prayer to Allah, the God of Moslem, Jew and Christian, the God of all!" "Allah il Allah!" "Allah il Allah!"

JAMES T. KAY

Received the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple on December 10, 1896, where he is enrolled as No. 1179. As a Mason, he was entered, passed and raised in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. He is also fraternally affiliated with the Odd Fellows in Meriden, in Pacific Lodge No. 87; with the Royal Arcanum in Pilgrim Harbor Council, and he is a member of the Home Club in Meriden. Noble Kay was born in Princeton, N. J., on June 21, 1848. He obtained an education in the public schools of Long Island, N. Y. He resides at 133 Miller Street, Meriden, and for the past forty years has been proprietor of the plumbing, steam and gas fitting business, which is located at 127 State Street, also in Meriden.

CLAYTON L. SMITH

Joined Pyramid Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., over a quarter of a century ago, on January 25, 1886, and was therein enrolled as No. 166. His first insight into Masonry was obtained in Anchor Lodge No. 112, A. F. & A. M., which he serves both as junior warden and steward. He is, likewise, a member of Firestone Royal Arch Chapter, and Cyrene Commandery, Knights Templar, in Middletown. He also holds membership in Harris Lodge No. 99, of the Odd Fellows in Bridgeport. Noble Smith is clerk of the Bridgeport Police Department, having filled that position from 1906. Prior to that, for twenty-five years, from 1881, he conducted his own grocery business in Bridgeport, and his first ten years' business experience beginning in 1871, was also in that line, having been employed in East Hampton, Conn. Noble Smith was born in Bridgeport, April 18, 1860, and attained an education in the public schools of his home city and Middletown. His father was William E. Smith, native of East Hampton, and his mother was Julia C. Havens Smith, formerly of Somers. He is married to Emma G. Sears of East Hampton, and in religious matters he is of Congregational affiliation, as were his parents. Fishing is his favorite pastime. His business address is Police Department, Bridgeport, and he also resides in Bridgeport, at 261 William Street.

JOHN R. LOVATT

Of Danbury was brought to light in Masonry, in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., and knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He also holds membership 2070 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., having been ennobled in that body, on June 6, 1907. His other fraternities are: Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Samaritan Lodge, Danbury, and the Royal Arcanum, also in Danbury. He is a believer in the principles of Democracy, and was elected town auditor, 1909-10, which position he continues to fill. Noble Lovatt was born in Ipswich, Eng., June 21, 1866, and received an education in the public schools of Yonkers, N. Y., graduating from its high school in 1881. His father was John R. Lovatt, Sr., a Londoner by birth. He was married in Danbury, October 28, 1887, to Kate Estella Vermilyea, daughter of G. H. Vermilyea of Danbury. They have one daughter, Mabel E., born October 23, 1889. He is an adherent of the Episocpal faith, in which he was bred. His favorite sports are baseball and fishing. From 1906 he has been hat cutter for the Holly and Downs Company of Danbury, his residence being at 16 Montgomery Street.

LYMAN B. COMSTOCK

Commercial traveler since 1900, for the Coe Brass Manufacturing Company of Torrington, was born in Sandesfield, Mass., June 14, 1882, the son of David P. Comstock. Receiving an education in the public schools of Torrington, he graduated from the high school, June 14, 1900.

Having knocked at the door of Masonry in Seneca Lodge No. 55, he was therein duly entered, passed and raised; was advanced and exalted in Cyrus R. A. Chapter No. 45; was received and greeted in Buell Council No. 20, of Royal and Select Masters of Litchfield; granted knighthood in Clark Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, and was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory, of Bridgeport. He was accordingly, on May 13, 1908, received into the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, with membership number 2183. He is also connected with the Elks in Torrington Lodge No. 372; holds membership in Torrington Lodge, and resides at 43 Clark Street, Torrington.

CLARKE PRINCE

No. 23 by order of enrollment in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., was therein ennobled on May 29, 1882. He is a 32° Mason. His Masonic career having begun early, he has given to it long and active service, and also to Pyramid. He was raised March 17, 1880, in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; is also affiliated with Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13, which he is serving as master of the 1st veil; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., all of Bridgeport, also with the several Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory, where he has been captain of the guard. He, likewise, fraternizes with the Torrington Odd Fellows in Ridgely Lodge, and with the Royal Arcanum, as a member of Torrington Council. His political adherence is to Republican principles. In 1891-92-93-94, he was chairman of the Board of Town Assessors. He was also superintendent of the Street Department of Torrington for three years. After more than thirty-two years of business life, in 1900 he retired from its activities, for more than twenty years having been railroad conductor on the Naugatuck Road. He also spent about fourteen years in the Torrington coal trade. Noble Prince was born in Milford, Conn., April 25, 1845. His parents were George and Julia Clarke Prince, also natives of Milford. He was married to Ida C. Shanley of Litchfield, in that Connecticut town, on October 8, 1873. Their two children are: Ina C., born September 7, 1876, and Ernest S., September 30, 1878. Their religious affiliations are Congregational, and he was reared in that faith. Travel, hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, also historical and political reading. His home is at 19 Migeon Avenue, Torrington.

WILLIAM K. LYON

Became a noble of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on May 25, 1891, with enrollment 675. His Masonic connections are with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is a member of the Algonquin, Bridgeport Yacht, and Brooklawn Country Clubs. He was in the railroad business for thirty years, retiring in 1907. Noble Lyon was born in Bridgeport, Conn., October 26, 1859, and attended the public schools in that city. His father is Frederick H. Lyon, born in Bridgeport, in 1827, and his mother was Betsey A. Hawley of same nativity. Of outdoor sports he is most fond of baseball. He resides at 731 Main Street, Bridgeport.

JONATHAN H. LAW

Life member of Pyramid Temple, was created a noble in that illustrious Shrine body, on December 2, 1902, and was therein enrolled 1594. He is a 32° Mason, with attachments in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; also with the New Haven A. A. S. R. bodies, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, likewise, a member of the Knights Templar Club; of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of America, and Chamber of Commerce. Noble Law was born in New Haven, Conn., October 28, 1862, and was there educated. His parents, both Methodists, were Richard W. and Harriet Barnes Law. He was married in New Haven, September 2, 1885, to Hattie Searles, and has five children: Richard S., Mary B., Bertha M., Jonathan H., Jr., and Henry M. Noble Law is a Baptist. Baseball is his favorite sport. For the past thirty years he has been in the oyster business in New Haven. He resides at 74 Cold Spring Street, New Haven.

JARVIS S. WILLIAMS

Elevated to the rank of noble in Pyramid Temple of the A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 25, 1904, with membership 1758, was made a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret in Lafayette Consistory, 32°, of Bridgeport. He first saw Masonic light in King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past senior warden; was exalted in Solomon Chapter No. 9, R. A. M.; admitted to the ninth arch in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of Housatonic Lodge No. 6, of the I. O. O. F., in Derby. Noble Williams is a native of Huntington, Conn., the date of his birth being June 8, 1872, his parents having been James W. and Julia Buckingham Williams, the former, of New Fairfield, N. Y., and the latter, of Nichols Farms, Conn. He received an education in the public and private schools of his native town. In reading he enjoys historical, political, and scientific literature, the last-named being of special interest to him. From 1906 he has been superintendent in the metal department of the Warner Bros. Company of Bridgeport. Noble Williams resides at 703 Warren Street, Bridgeport.

FRANK A. CANTWELL

Since 1907 proprietor of Hotel Green of Danbury, and in the hotel business from 1898. Noble Cantwell was born in Malone, N. Y., January 17, 1879. His father was Dr. Robert W. Cantwell of Montreal, Can., and his mother is Nettie M. Smith Cantwell of Chateaugay, N. Y. He was married to Marion S., daughter of Charles B. and Minnie Sage Ware of Hartford, in that city, on May 10, 1905. In addition to his membership in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., which dates from November 23, 1908, with enrollment No. 2231, he had previously attained membership in the following Masonic bodies: Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M., of New London; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., in Danbury; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., both in Danbury. His other fraternal connections are as follows: Mohegan Lodge No. 55, of the Odd Fellows in New London; Monawantuc Tribe No. 42, of the Red Men, being past great sachem of the State of Connecticut; and of Lodge No. 360 of the Elks in New London, a life member. He is also a member of the Danbury Club in Danbury. Noble Cantwell was reared as a Congregationalist. Autoing is his favorite diversion. He resides in Danbury, at Hotel Green.

THOMAS P. PREBLE

Born in Boston, October 14, 1872, attended the public schools of his native city. His parents were Joseph H. and Eliza I. Preble. He was married to Cornelia S. Sheldon of Branford, in that town, on May 26, 1896, and they have one child, Helen I. Their church associations are Congregational. His favorite outdoor diversions are hunting and fishing. He is chief rate and division clerk for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company in Branford, and he resides in that town. Noble Preble was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1910, with enrollment 2317. He holds Masonic qualifications in Widows' Son Lodge No. 66, A. F. & A. M., being a past master; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His business address is No. 409, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company Building, New Haven.

FREDERICK PEASE

Admitted to the Order of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 30, 1901, with enrollment 1458, has Masonic attachments in Center Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. Noble Pease was born in East Windsor, Conn., September 10, 1856, the son of George R. and Elizabeth McFall Pease, both having been natives of Enfield. Noble Pease is a Universalist and his upbringing was in that faith. He was married on October 18, 1882, to Harriet E. Johnson, daughter of Wesley M. and Harriet Daniels Johnson of Meriden. In winter they reside at 116 East Main Street, Meriden, and in summer, at Sea Shore House, in Madison. Golf and fishing are his favorite sports. He is a member of the Home and Highland Clubs, and for the past twenty-nine years, from 1882, has been a commercial traveler, his connection being with the Charles Parker Company of Meriden.

FRANK YOKEL

Entered Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 9, 1907, with membership No. 2165. His Masonic membership was previously attained in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No 9, K. T. Noble Yokel was born in Odernheim, Ger., October 22, 1864, the son of Wilhelm and Wilhelmina Stock Yokel. He was also educated there and commenced his business career in New York, where, for twelve years, from 1883 to 1895, he was connected with various firms, later becoming identified as a designer with Edward Miller and Company of 99 Center Street, Meriden, with whom he has been associated the past sixteen years. On October 4, 1887, he was married to Minnie Rexer, daughter of Thomas and Katherine Koehler Rexer of New York, their marriage having been solemnized in that city. They have four children: William G., Francis, Minnie M., and Frederick. He is a member of the Chess Club of Meriden. His residence is at 78 Kensington Heights, Meriden.

GEORGE HEISLER, JR.

One of the Arab Patrol in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was received into its nobility, May 15, 1900, and enrolled therein 1900, his requisite Masonic qualifications having been attained in St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., in Stratford; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, in Lodge No. 36; is a supporter of the Republican Party, and has held the office of deputy sheriff of Fairfield County. He resides in Bridgeport, at 544 Connecticut Avenue.

HARRY L. ANDREW

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1905, with enrollment 1844, his Masonic allegiance being to Hiram Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar Club. Noble Andrew was born in New Haven, Conn., August 9, 1871, and attended public and private schools in his home city. His parents were Frank S. and Julia Cutler Andrew, both having been born in Naugatuck. He was, for twelve years, engaged in the wholesale beef business, but from 1903, has been proprietor of the Broadway Cash Market, at 51 Broadway, New Haven. His residence, also in New Haven, is at 493 Winthrop Avenue.

BERNARD S. JUDSON

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 6, 1906, with enrollment 2106. He first saw Masonic light in St. Johns Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., in Stratford; was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Noble Judson was born in Stratford, Conn., April 14, 1877, and received an education in the public schools of his home town. His parents are Charles F. and Anna Spaul Judson, both being natives of Stratford, and Episcopalians, as is their son. July 30, 1900 was the date of his marriage to Anna Markham, daughter of George Markham, both of Thomaston nativity. They have one child, Charles E., born in Stratford, in 1907. Hunting and fishing are his chief diversions, and he is a member of Cupheag Club of Stratford. The metal and iron industry had claimed his interest on his own account from 1900 to 1910, when he became manager for the Housatonic Smelting and Refining Works in Stratford. He also resides in Stratford.

FRANK L. STILES

Became a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on January 27, 1890, with enrollment 470. His York Rite degrees were received in Corinthian Lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No 19, R. & S. M., both in Fairhaven, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., while his Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is, likewise, enrolled in the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs, the Young Men's Republican, Quinnipiack and Union League Clubs, all of New Haven, the Home Club of Meriden, and others. He is a Republican, and in 1903, was elected representative to the House, and senator in 1909. Noble Stiles is a native of North Haven, Conn., and was born on July 12, 1854. He was educated in public and private schools of North Haven, the South School and Cheshire Academy. His parents were Isaac L. and Sophina M. (Blakeslee) Stiles. Mary Amelia Dickerman became his wife in North Haven, on December 22, 1886. They are Episcopalians. His favorite pastime is traveling. He is interested in the brick manufacturing business in North Haven, and has been for the past forty years. Senator Stiles also has his home in North Haven.

CYRUS ELLIS LEWIS

A 32° Mason of Shelton, was ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 10, 1896, and therein enrolled 1187, his Masonic affiliations being with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., where he was senior deacon; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 9, in which he is master of the 1st veil; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and the several bodies of the Scottish Rite in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory. His other fraternal affiliations are with the Odd Fellows in Housatonic Lodge No. 6; Valley Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in Derby; Roger Sherman Council of the O. U. A. M. in Shelton, Owls Nest, the Heptasophs, and the Golden Cross of the Eastern Star in Derby. He is also a member of the Business Men's Association of Derby and Shelton, and his political attachments are Republican. He was warden of the borough of Shelton, 1900-01. Noble Lewis was born in Sharon, Conn., August 28, 1853, and received an education in the public schools of Nichols, and the Wilbraham School in Massachusetts. His parents were Elihu T. and Johanna C. Thomas Lewis, both having been natives of the Nutmeg State. In Bridgeport, May 1, 1880, he was married to Mary L. Skinner They have four children: Oliver Wesley, Clifford Elbert, Easter Lillian May, and Cyrus Harold. On June 27, 1908, he was again married to Adelaide B. Bronkerhoff of Mansfield, O. He is a member of the Methodist Church, as were his parents. As a Sunday School teacher and worker he is much interested in the cause of spiritually uplifting the young His business is that of undertaking and embalming, having been a funeral director since 1889. His home is 462 Coram Avenue, Shelton, while his business is located at 148 Elizabeth Street, Derby.

CHARLES A. PAGE

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1910, with enrollment 2318, is Masonically affiliated with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Standard Chapter No. 252, R. A. M., and Morton Commandery No. 4, K. T., the two latter in New York. He is also a member of the Masonic Club of New Haven, and has for years been a trustee of the Order of Railway Conductors. He is instructing conductor of the Western District, for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, having been in the railroad service with that company for the past twenty-eight years. Noble Page was born in North Branford, Mass., on February 12, 1865, and there attended the public schools, and later graduated from the Guilford Institute. His father is Rev. Charles Page of North Branford, and his mother, Elbertine A. Dudley of Guilford. His business address is the New York, New Haven and Hartford Main Office, in New Haven, and he resides at 297 George Street, New Haven.

NATHAN M. GEORGE

Crossed the burning sands and entered the Mystic Shrine through the portals of Pyramid Temple on January 25, 1886, his enrollment number being 165. On attaining his majority in 1868 he knocked at the door of Masonry in Saginaw Valley Lodge No. 154, in South Saginaw, Mich., later dimitting to join Cash Lodge, in St. Louis, Mo. On removing to Danbury, he again dimitted to join Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., becoming a member of Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, all in Danbury. He still holds his Royal Arch Chapter membership in Joppa R. A. Chapter, in Saginaw, Mich.

He was born in Theresa, N. Y., September 15, 1847, his parents having been Silas L. and Caroline Flower George, his mother, a native of Theresa, and his father, of Loraine, N. Y. Noble George was married in Danbury, February 18, 1882, to Flora Downs, daughter of George and Flora Crofoot Downs of Danbury. Their children are: Grace C., Nathan F., and Sarah Louise.

His religious belief is Episcopal, and he was brought up in that faith. He is fond of all outdoor sports, and resides at 39 Fairview Avenue, Danbury.

FRANCIS G. ANTHONY

A revered 32° Mason of New Haven, was welcomed into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, with the rank of noble, on May 24, 1886, and with enrollment 198, has York Rite Masonic qualifications attained in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., in which he was secretary for twelve years, and junior deacon for two years; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., having been Royal Arch captain for two years; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., which he served as secretary for three years, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., of which he was secretary for thirty-one years. In all of the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite, he has served as treasurer for the record period of twenty-four years, still serving in that capacity, and as high priest in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is connected with the Knights Templar Club of which he was secretary for one year; Hammonasset Tribe in the Improved Order of Red Men, and Aerie Lodge of the Eagles. He is a Democrat, and for fifteen years was tax collector, having been in the tax collector's office for forty years. He retired from active service in 1909. Noble Anthony was born in Lima, Livingston County, N. Y., on October 6, 1830, receiving an education in the public schools of that place. His parents were William M. and Lovisa Fox Anthony, the former a native of Haddam County, Conn., and the latter, of Lima, N. Y. He was married in Saline, Washtenaw County, Mich., to Electa Hulbert of that place, and they have one daughter, Ella M. Their religious affiliations are Congregational. Photography is a favorite pastime of his, and historical reading affords him pleasure. Noble Anthony is a "Forty-niner," having rounded Cape Horn in going from New Haven to California, when it took seven months to complete the journey. His home is at 20 Court Street, New Haven.

WALTER IRVING WELTON

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1910, has Masonic connections with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., in which he is warder; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar Club, and with the New Haven Grays. Noble Welton was born in New Haven, Conn., April 22, 1881, and attended public and private schools in his native city. His parents are Walter S. and Hattie M. (Lindsley) Welton. His life was united in marriage with that of Mabel Hanover of New Haven, in that city, June 25, 1902. Noble Welton is an Episcopalian, and his favorite recreation is the national game of baseball. Since 1905 he has been in the employ of the N. T. Bushnell Company of 289 State Street, New Haven, and for about ten years prior to that he was engaged in the hardware business. He resides at 35 Pierpont Street, New Haven.

ROBERT JEREMIAH WOODRUFF

Inducted into the mysteries of the Shrine in Pyramid Temple No. 8, on December 10, 1901, and therein enrolled 1470, bears Masonic allegiance to Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 7, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is a member of the Union League of New Haven, and a retired officer of the Connecticut National Guard, having served in Troop A at New Haven, 1901-09. He is a Republican, and in 1901 was elected to the House of Representatives, having also served as tax collector in 1899, grand juror, 1900-11, and school visitor from 1899 to the present. Since 1900 he has been engaged in the general practice of law, and for the past ten years as prosecuting attorney for New Haven County. He is also a member of the Board of Finance of Town of Orange, 1911-13. Noble Woodruff was born in Orange, Conn., July 6, 1874, and receiving a public school education, graduated from the New Haven High School in 1892; from Yale University in 1896, and from Yale Law School in 1899. His parents were Stiles D. and Elizabeth M. (Clark) Woodruff. He was married in Orange, November 12, 1902, to Bertha Clark of that town. They have two children: Dorothy W. and Elizabeth C. Their religious affiliations are with the Congregationalists. His business address is 42 Church Street, and his residence in Orange.

HARRY E. BATES

Of South Norwalk, was born in Naugatuck, Conn., on the Fourth of July, 1866. His father is Charles Bates, native of Collinsville, his mother having been Eleanor Isbell Bates of Naugatuck. Noble Bates received an education in the public schools of New Haven, and in June, 1900, was married to Alice Heath, daughter of Martin Heath of New Haven. They have one child, Alice Elizabeth. Noble Bates was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, his enrollment therein being 2120. He was Masonically qualified to become a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; Butler Royal Arch Chapter No. 38, and Clinton Commandery No. 3. He is a member of the South Norwalk and the Norwalk Country Clubs. Hunting and autoing are his favorite pastimes, and in reading he is chiefly interested in surgical and scientific works, his profession being that of a veterinary surgeon, in the practice of which he has been engaged for the past twenty-three years. His business address is 39 Washington Street, South Norwalk, and his residence 11 Reed Street, South Norwalk.

SWAN B. BREWSTER

Of Bridgeport, was born in the town of Canaan, Conn., November 14, 1852. He received his education in private schools in Bloomington, Ill., and in Illinois Wesleyan University. His father is Jabez Brewster, born in Canaan, Conn., in 1830, himself a member of Montgomery Lodge, Salisbury, Conn., 1852, DeMolay Commandery, Bloomington, Ill., and many years a 32° Mason. He is now living in Arizona. His mother was Sarah Catharine Landon Brewster, whose birthplace was Salisbury, Conn. His first wife was Lizzie Hall Nichols of Bridgeport, the daughter of Marcus and Julia H. Nichols, and their only child was Stephen N., who has also passed away; the mother, on March 13, and the son, nine days later, in '91. His present wife was Sally T. Meeker, daughter of Charles B. and Sarah Hubbell Meeker of Bridgeport. They have four children: Elizabeth, Swan, Marcus, and Sally.

In Freemasonry he bears allegiance to Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, in which he has received his thirty-second degree. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, being attached to Pyramid Temple and enrolled as No. 2181, in the class of May 13, 1908.

For more than a score of years he has been engaged in the real estate business, going to Bridgeport in March, 1884. His political views are Democratic, and his home is in Stratford, Conn., while he conducts his business in Bridgeport, at 35 Arcade.

JOHN DUNCAN MILNE

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 13, 1908, with enrollment 2195, was Masonically qualified in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. N.; Washington Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., in which he is master of the 3d veil. His other fraternal affiliations are with the Foresters in Court Heart of Oak, Rockville; Cockene Tribe No. 32 of the Red Men in Norwalk, and McKinley Camp of the Spanish War Veterans in Norwalk. He is also a member of the Norwalk Club, and an ex-chief of the Norwalk Fire Department, having served in that capacity, 1908-09. Politically a Republican, he is serving his town as councilman, having been elected to that office in 1910. He is superintendent of the gas department of the Housatonic Light and Power Company of Norwalk, having entered that service December 12, 1898. Prior to that, for twenty years, he was superintendent in the gas department of the Rockville Gas and Electric Light Company. Noble Milne was born in Rockville, Conn., December 4, 1865, and attended the public schools of his native town, graduating from its high school. William Milne was his father, and his mother is Flora Duncan Milne, both of Scottish birth. Noble Milne is a widower, his late wife, Mary Coleman Milne, native of Niantic, Conn., to whom he was married in 1893, passed away February 28, 1910, leaving a son, William, born January, 1900. Noble Milne resides in Norwalk, at 14 Maple Street.

WILLARD A. RORABACK

Judge of Probate Court of Torrington, from 1898, Republican in view-point, began his legal activities in 1883, when admitted to the bar. The year following, he was elected justice of the peace; served as town clerk of Torrington, 1887-88, 1888-91, and 1892-1898, and as tax collector, 1888-1890. He also held the office of borough clerk, 1892-1900, and was the Torrington representative to the House, 1895-97. Governor Cook appointed him judge of Torrington Borough Court in 1898, that term having expired in 1901, and was re-elected to fill one term. His entrance to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine, took place on June 27, 1890, when by order of enrollment his membership was numbered 472. His Masonic qualifications were attained in Seneca Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., in Torrington; Cyrus Chapter No. 45, R. A. M., where he is Royal Arch captain; Buell Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., in Waterbury. He is also an Odd Fellow in Ridgely Lodge, Torrington. Noble Roraback was born in New Marlboro, Mass., on March 12, 1860. He was educated in public and private schools of Canaan, Conn., and Sheffield, Mass. Noble Roraback was the son of James Roraback and Martha E. Bartholomew Roraback. He was married in Hartford, Conn., December 28, 1892, to Emma E. Pearson of that city. Their children are: James W., born June 10, 1896, and Charles P., July 20, 1901. He is a member of the Torrington Club, and lives at 331 Migeon Avenue, Torrington. His official address is also in Torrington, at 132 Main Street.

HERBERT H. LEONARD

Was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 18, 1906, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 2022. Noble Leonard first saw Masonic light in Mechanics Lodge No. 66, A. F. & A. M., in Orono, Me. His chapter is in Milford, Mass., and his council of Royal and Select Masters is in Stamford, while his commandery is also in Milford, Mass. He is a member of Torrington Club. Born in Orono, Me., on November 1, 1880, he was there educated, graduating in 1897, from its high school, and later, from the University of Maine, where he specialized in mechanical engineering. Both his parents are natives of the State of Maine, his father, George W. Leonard, being a native of Milo, and his mother is Hattie Snow Leonard of Orono. On July 18, 1907, he was married to Bertha Clark, of Milo, and their residence is in Torrington, at 336 Prospect Street. Baseball and fishing are his favorite sports. Noble Leonard made his first venture in the business world in 1901. In 1904 he went with the Yale and Towne Company of Stamford. His next business association was in New Britain, with the P. and F. Corbin Company, and in 1908, he entered upon the duties of his present position as superintendent for the Turner and Seymour Manufacturing Company of Torrington.

GUSTAVE F. HERTHAL

Became a member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 27, 1891, his enrollment in that body being 1369. He was previously qualified as a Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He, likewise, holds membership in Joseph Dondall Division of the Knights of Pythias; in Bridgeport Lodge No. 36 of the Brotherhood of Protective Order of Elks, and in Konkapotanaugh Tribe of the Red Men. The Algonquin and Calumet Clubs also claim his membership. Early in life he became interested in landscape gardening and floriculture, and he engaged in that as a business in 1887, when he had scarcely attained his majority. Of German birth and extraction, Noble Herthal was born May 23, 1866. His father was the late Henry Herthal, and his mother the late Elizabeth Anding Herthal. His elementary education was attained in the public schools of Southington, Conn., followed by an academic course, and a special course in landscape gardening. He was married on September 4, 1890, to Alice M. Kipper, daughter of John and Mary Brown Kipper of New Canaan. They have three children. Alice L., born December 29, 1891; Gustave H., July 12, 1894, and Hazel, July 24, 1898. Noble Herthal is a member of the Episcopal Church, in which faith he was reared. His residence is at 228 Bunnell Street, and his business location, 1009 Broad Street, both in Bridgeport.

GOULD A. SHELTON, M. D.

Of Shelton, Conn., was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on December 10, 1900, having been Masonically qualified in King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also an Odd Fellow in Ousatonic Lodge and Excelsior Encampment; is a member of the New England Order of Protection; of the Shelton Business Men's Association; of the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade; of the Graduates Club of New Haven; Yale Alumni Association of Fairfield County, and other organizations. He gives his allegiance politically to the Republican party, and for three terms filled the borough offices of warden and burgess, and was representative to the General Assembly for two sessions, 1895 and 1909, and during both sessions was chairman of the Public Health and Safety Committee. Dr. Shelton is a member of the American Medical Association; the State Medical Society; the American Academy of Medicine; is president of the Shelton Water Company, director of the Shelton Savings Bank, and also of the Silver Plate Cutlery Company. Noble Shelton was born in Huntington, Conn., on August 19, 1841. He was a member of Yale College in the class of '66 and graduated from Yale Medical School in '69, receiving his degree of M. D., and the honorary degree of M. A. in 1891. His parents, also of that place, were Judson C., born October 17, 1798, and Hannah Lewis, on March 20, 1802. His wife was Emily Plumb Capel, daughter of P. E. and Louisa Plumb Capel, the former, native of Westminster, Eng., and the latter, of Bridgeport. His marriage was celebrated in Derby, Conn., on June 16, 1874. She passed away November 11, 1897. Dr. Shelton is a Congregationalist, as were his wife and parents. His official address is 40 White Street, Shelton, and his residence is likewise in that place.

NELSON E. FRESHOUR

32° Mason of Bridgeport, enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at the time he was admitted to its nobility, March, 1898, soon after the attainment of his majority. His enrollment number is 1226, and he is a past outer guard in Pyramid. Noble Freshour was previously made a Mason in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, and is now serving as outer guard in his blue lodge. In time he sought the capitular degrees and was made a Royal Arch Mason in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, serving in that body as tiler, and on the Masonic General Relief Committee. The cryptic degrees were received by him in Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; also the Order of the Red Cross, and the Order of the Temple, with appended orders of Malta, Rhodes, and Palestine, were duly conferred on him in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is a sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret in Lafayette Consistory, serving as master of robes, and serves as master of robes in Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and in DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection. The Elks in Bridgeport also claim his membership, and likewise the Bridgeport Club.

From 1908, he has been a partner in the trucking business of J. H. Luddington and Company, and, prior to that, was for three years shipping clerk for the Canfield Rubber Company.

Noble Freshour was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., March 18, 1868, and received an education in the schools of Peoria, Ill.; in 1886 taking a course in the Columbus (O.) Business College Henry Clay Freshour is his father, and his mother is Libby Elizabeth Green Freshour. His marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Conran was celebrated in Bridgeport. Their two children are Rae Conran and Ruth Green. He is a Republican and an Episcopalian. Hunting, fishing, autoing, and historical reading are his favorite pastimes, and he resides at 384 Barnum Avenue, while his business address is 636 Water Street, Bridgeport.

GEORGE W. SOMERS

Of West Haven, was born in Orange, Conn., February 17, 1855, and received an education in West Haven, graduating from the high school. His parents were Enoch and Mary Platt Somers, both having been natives of North Milford, Conn., now called Orange. He was admitted to the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, on December 28, 1893, with enrollment No. 948, having received his York Rite degrees from Annawan Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M., in West Haven; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., while his Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the Bridgeport bodies, having been made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He has been in the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard for the past fifteen years; is an ex-member of the Union League Club of New Haven, also of the Quinnipiack Club, and is fond of yachting and autoing. For a time he was captain of a steamer on the St. John's River, and was billing clerk for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, 1882-88. Since that time he has been representing the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, of which latter he is their Southern New England freight agent, his business location being 42 Church Street, New Haven. He resides at Prospect Beach, West Haven.

WILLIAM L. BELKNAP, JR.

Enrolled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 9, 1907, with membership 2139. His York Rite Masonic degrees were attained in Williams Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Williamstown, Mass.; Composite Chapter, R. A. M., in North Adams, Mass., and Temple Commandery No. 2, K. T., in Albany, N. Y. He is also a member of Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, of the Odd Fellows; is politically a Republican, and is a member of the college fraternity, Delta Psi Omicron. Noble Belknap was born in Bridgeport, Conn., January 27, 1883. His parents are William L. Belknap, Sr., native of Bridgeport, and Clara Burbank Belknap of Pittsfield, Mass. His marriage to Pauline Ward of Pittsfield, daughter of Guy M. Ward, was solemnized in that city on November 24, 1908, and they have one son, William L., 3d. Noble Belknap's favorite sports are hunting and fishing, and in reading he prefers historical and scientific subjects. His early education was received in private schools of his native city, and in the Park Avenue Institute. He graduated from the literary course in Williams College in 1905; and in 1907 from a course in law and economics. He is a member of the New York Bar, and is both secretary and treasurer of the Belknap Manufacturing Company, makers of brass goods, with headquarters at 149 Water Street, Bridgeport He resides at 48 Washington Terrace, Bridgeport.

FRANCIS I. NETTLETON, M. D.

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1905, with enrollment 1898, is Masonically enrolled in King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., where he was for three years worshipful master; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3, serving that body as scribe for one year; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Noble Nettleton was born in Shelton, Conn., October 23, 1874, and acquired a public school education in his native town, graduating from its high school in 1891, and in 1894 from Sheffield Scientific School. His parents, both Congregationalists, were Charles P. and Frances A. Hallock Nettleton, the former native of Newtown, Conn., and the latter of Albany, N. Y. September 27, 1899, marked the date of the marriage of Noble Nettleton, in Shelton, to Jean M. Mitchell, of that place. They have one child, Francis I., Jr., born December 27, 1901. He is a Congregationalist. Noble Nettleton has been a member of the Board of Education; was four years warden and burgess; warden of borough of Shelton for one year, and representative to the General Assembly for the term of 1907. After his graduation in 1897 from the Yale Medical College, he became connected with the W. W. Backus Hospital, and was attending physician in Griffin Hospital. He is engaged in the general practice of his profession in Shelton, and his residence is at 35 White Street, that town.

WILLIAM B. JONES

Of Danbury, was born in that city, May 23, 1865, and received his education in the public schools of his native place. His parents were William B. and Jane Dorman Jones, the former having been native of Ridgefield, Conn., and the latter of Scotland over the Sea. He was married in Danbury, September 17, 1889, to Anna May Van Bramer of Hopewell Junction, Southeastern New York, daughter of William and Catherine Furguson Van Bramer. January 6, 1907, marked the date of his initiation in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, with membership No. 2086, having been Masonically qualified in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., all in Danbury. He is also a member of Progressive Lodge and Devotion Encampment of the Odd Fellows, in Danbury. Since 1897 Noble Jones has been secretary and treasurer of The Corporation Furniture and Crockery Company of Danbury, located at 319-325 Main Street. He makes his home at 81 West Worcester Street. He attends the Congregational Church, and was reared in that faith.

HENRY MATHEIS

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, the Order of the Mystic Shrine, on November 27, 1909, with enrollment 2283, bears Masonic allegiance to St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 24; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows in Our Brothers Lodge No. 10, in Norwalk, and Cabosia Encampment; also of the Improved Order of Red Men, in Cockene Tribe, Hayloft 32½. He is representing his district in the State Legislature, 1911-12; and is a former member of the city council of Norwalk, 1904-09. Although of Democratic affiliation, he received strong Republican support in his elections, attesting the esteem in which he is held as a citizen, being reputed as a man of honest intent with eye ever single to the right. He is the oldest volunteer fireman now in the service of the fire department of Norwalk, having entered that force in 1873. He was a member of the militia, Company D of the Burnside Guards, having served five years, and later reuniting with Company F, same regiment, 4th Connecticut Volunteers, served fifteen years. Noble Matheis was born in Norwalk, Conn., March 7, 1857, and received an education in the public schools of his home city. His parents were Joseph and Caroline Enders Matheis, the former native of Germany, and the latter of France. His marriage to Emily Stephans of Worcester, daughter of Jacob Stephans of Germany, was celebrated in Troy, N. Y., May 2, 1884. She passed away May 2, 1906, leaving him with two children: Charles Leo, and Albertine Susie. By religious affiliation Noble Matheis is an Episcopalian, having been bred in that faith. For fourteen years he conducted a delicatessen business and for many years prior to that, was interested in making pottery, having learned that trade in Norwalk. His residence is in Winnipauk, Conn.

FREDERICK H. BRETHAUER

A 32° Mason of New Haven, became a noble of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on September 23, 1889, and was therein enrolled as No. 416. His York Rite Masonic degrees came from Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 91, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., while his Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the New Haven A. A. S. R. bodies and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Brethauer was born in New Haven, Conn., June 18, 1858, the son of Henry and Ann Christliniller Brethauer, both having been of German origin. He attended public and private schools in his native city. His wife was Anna W. Frerickes of New Haven. Baseball and fishing are his favorite pastimes. His business address is City Hall, New Haven, where he was town clerk, 1889-1905, and is searcher and examiner of records of the City of New Haven, from 1874. His residence is at 62 Elliott Street.

G. HENRY BRETHAUER

Was born in New Haven, Conn., May 14, 1881, and graduated from the high school in his native city. His parents are Noble Frederick H. and Anna W. Frerickes Brethauer, and he is a 32° Mason, having become a Prince of the Royal Secret in Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport, on September 23, 1889. He also attained to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine in the class of November 20, 1910, with enrollment 2333. His other Masonic bodies are Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite. He is secretary of New Haven Lodge No. 25, of the Elks, and treasurer of the New Haven Grays, of which he has been a member the past seven years, and is also sergeant of Company F., Second Regiment. Noble Brethauer is of Democratic affiliation, and for several years has been city treasurer's clerk. His business address is Tradesmen's National Bank, New Haven, where he is teller, having been so appointed in 1903. His employment in that institution dates from 1899. His home is at 62 Elliott Street, New Haven.

THEODORE RICHARD SUCHER

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 28, 1910, with enrollment 2336, has Masonic affiliations with Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M., in which he is junior warden; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. He is politically affiliated with the Republican Party. In 1911 he was elected a member of the Hamden School Board, and a member of the Republican Town Committee. He served eight years in the Connecticut National Guard, and for six years was lieutenant of Company E, 2d Infantry, C. N. G. He is at present a member of the 2d Company, Governor's Foot Guard. Since 1903, he has been employed by The New Haven Gas Light Company, as assistant superintendent of gas mains and services. Noble Sucher was born in New Haven, Conn., May 18, 1884, and there received a public school education, graduating from the high school in 1903. His father was Colonel Theodore H. Sucher, native of New Haven, and his mother is Hertha M. Hax Sucher, originally of Egg Harbor, N. J. His marriage to Leonora A. Grave of New Haven, took place in Hamden, on January 14, 1909. He attends the Lutheran Church. His residence is at "Lucerne," Whitneyville.

ANTHONY SUNDERLAND

Crossed the burning sands, and reaching the oasis of Bridgeport, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple No. 8, of the Mystic Shrine, on December 9, 1907, his enrollment therein being 2146. He attained his preparatory Masonic membership in the following bodies: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., all of Danbury. He is also connected with Samaritan Lodge of Odd Fellows in Danbury, and with Danbury Lodge No. 120 of the Elks. In politics and principle he is Democratic. Noble Sunderland was born in Danbury, Conn., September 14, 1884, and was there educated, graduating from the high school in 1902. His parents are W. W. Sunderland, native of Somers, N. Y., and Rachel Wildman Sunderland, of Danbury. Since 1902 he has been cashier of the Danbury Gas Light Company, at 252 Main Street. He also resides in Danbury. His favorite sport is riding and driving. He is unmarried.

HENRY G. SIMON

Entered the ranks of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 29, 1898, with membership 1269, having been Masonically qualified in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council, No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Simon was born in New York, August 20, 1865, the son of Henry and Anna Schumacher Simon, both natives of Germany. He was educated in the public schools of his native city. His marriage to Grace Chapman of New Haven, took place in that city, on September 12, 1899. Noble Simon is an Episcopalian, though reared as a Lutheran. For four or five years he was a cadet in New York. Boating is his favorite diversion. Since 1875 he has been an upholsterer and decorator at 46 Elm Street, New Haven, and his residence is in East Haven.

THOMAS J. WEST

No. 1513 on Pyramid Temple roll, was admitted to the nobility of that illustrious body on April 29, 1902, through the medium of Mt. Horeb Commandery of Concord, N. H., in which he became a Knight Templar, and with which he preserves his affiliation. He is also a member of Washington Council No. 10, of Lebanon, N. H., and of the chapter in Stafford Springs; also of Union Lodge No. 5. Of Irish birth and extraction, Noble West was born March 31, 1849, his parents having been James and Margaret Balentine West. He attained a public school education in Blackstone, Mass., and on May 29, 1872, was married in Norwalk, to Helen F. Fairbanks of Norwalk. They have four children: Margaret S., Walter D., Helen St. John, and Thomas J. He was reared as an Episcopalian and adheres to that faith. He was formerly interested in the woolen mill industry in Lebanon, N. H., and in Norwalk, as superintendent of the mills of the Riverside Woolen Company in 1896, and as general manager in 1900 of the Norwalk Mills Company. In 1910, however, he entered the grocery business in Norwalk, which he now conducts at 57 Wall Street, Norwalk, his residence being 140 Main Street, same city. He is fond of all outdoor sports and is a general reader.

FRANK E. BROWN

Enrolled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1900, as No. 1422, had previously qualified as a Mason in Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Royal Arch Chapter No. 26; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Brown was born in New Haven, Conn., June 12, 1875, and attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from its high school. His parents were Isaac E. Brown, of Perth Amboy, N. Y., and Emogene Hotchkiss Brown of New Haven. In Buffalo, N. Y., on September 28, 1902, he was united in marriage with Josephine Rodems. They have three children: Earl L., Marvin William, and Lela. He is of the Episcopal persuasion, as were his parents. Traveling is his favorite recreation. He has been a member of the American Master Mariners' and Pilots' Association for the past twelve years, and he is in the oyster business, having been so engaged for the past fifteen years as captain of the I. E. Brown. He resides at 447 Quinnipiac Avenue, New Haven.

DAVID NETTLETON CLARK

A York Rite Mason of Shelton, was created a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on January 6, 1907, where he stands enrolled 2061. His blue lodge is King Hiram No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; he was exalted in Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 22, K. T. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows in Derby, in Housatonic Lodge. His business interests are in the line of hardware and crockery manufacturing, and he is a director of the Shelton Bank and Trust Company. By political conviction a Democrat, he held the office of warden of the borough of Shelton, and was also burgess for several years prior to having been made warden. He was, likewise, assessor of the town of Huntington for two years, 1888-90; is on the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade; is a member of the Ansonia and Derby Business Men's Association and of the Union League and Auto Clubs of New Haven. Noble Clark was born in Bridgewater, Conn., June 15, 1856, and there received an education, graduating from the high school. His father was Samuel F. Clark of New Milford,, and his mother is Mary E. Nettleton Clark of Milford. He was married to Florence A. Rice of Danbury, on June 20, 1898, and they have one child, Marguerite, born November 10, 1890. Noble Clark retains the Congregational convictions of his upbringing. His residence is in Shelton, at 278 Coram Street, and his business also in Shelton, is located at 475-479 Howe Avenue.

FRANK E. BALLARD

Masonically affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., which he has served as senior steward; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. In the class of December 1, 1903, he was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, his enrollment therein being 1716 He is also an Odd Fellow in Pequonnock Lodge No. 104, in Bridgeport. Noble Ballard was born in Danbury, Conn., January 22, 1865, receiving an education in the public schools of that place. His parents are John J. and Fannie Harris Ballard, the former native of Danbury, and the latter of New York. He was president of the Board of Health of Bridgeport, having been so appointed in 1901, and in the drug business for nearly the past quarter century, and graduate of the Connecticut State Board of Pharmacy. His business address is 79 Wood Avenue, Bridgeport, and his residence, 85 Wood Avenue. He is a Republican, and chairman of the Fifth District.

JOHN E. VAN BENSCHOTEN

Was born in Red Bank, N. Y., March 25, 1878. His parents are Edward and Sarah Hulse Van Benschoten. He was married in New London, Conn., March 22, 1909, to Mary Congdon of that city. Episcopal in belief, he was also brought up in that faith. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes. From 1891 to 1896 he was in the employ of the New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company at Middletown, N. Y., and is now train despatcher of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. On April 9, 1906, he was admitted to the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, and therein enrolled as No. 1949. His York Rite degrees came from Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees and was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of which he is a member. Noble Van Benschoten is likewise enrolled in Knights Templar Club of New Haven, City Lodge No. 36, of the I. O. O. F. in New Haven, and Sassacus Encampment No. 1. He resides at 51 Howard Avenue, New Haven, and his business address is care of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, New Haven.

WILLIAM E. DAY

Became a member of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on December 9, 1907, with enrollment 2137, his Masonic affiliations being with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons, in which he is master of the 2d veil; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Progressive Lodge No. 18, Danbury; of Wooster, Pauquique, and Danbury Clubs. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes. Noble Day was born in Danbury, Conn., March 29, 1869, and attended the public schools of his native city, and Yale Business College of New Haven. His father is Edward H. Day of English birth, and his mother was Eliza Sturdevant Day, native of Brookfield. He was reared as a Baptist, and adheres to that faith. His marriage to Rosella Van Wie of Cobleskill, N. Y., was solemnized in Danbury, September 29, 1890. His business is that of mailing clerk in the Danbury Post Office, which post he has filled since 1892. He also resides in Danbury, at 49 Balmforth Avenue.

GEORGE J. STROBEL

Of Waterbury, was born in Germany, August 28, 1866, receiving an education in the public schools of Waterbury. His parents were George J. and Louisa Schlegel Strobel, both of Germany, and both Episcopalians, as is their son, Noble Strobel. He was married in Waterbury, April 20, 1898, to Katherine Leggett of that city. They have one child, Chris A., born February 21, 1900. Noble Strobel is proprietor of the Lake and Strobel Jewelry Company, in which he became interested twenty-seven years ago, in 1884; twenty-two years later, on the death of his brother, in July, 1906, becoming manager and owner. He also traveled four years, from 1890 to 1894, for the New England Watch Factory. He is also treasurer of the Waterbury Wire Die Company; treasurer and general manager of the Waterbury Enamel Company, and ex-treasurer of the City of Waterbury, having served in that capacity, 1893-95, inclusive.

He belongs to the following Masonic bodies: Harmony Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 22; Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M., and Clark Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar. Subsequently, on May 3, 1891, he gained admission to Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 558. Of Waterbury Lodge No. 265, of the Elks, he is a charter member, and a member of the Waterbury and Country Clubs. His business address is: Corner Exchange Place, Waterbury, and his residence, 92 Waterville Street, same city.

WILLIAM M. THOMAS

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and therein ennobled with membership No. 1430, on December 10, 1900, bears Masonic allegiance to Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport, including Lafayette S. P. R. S., from which he received his consistorial degree. He is, likewise, a member of the I. O. O. F. in Pequonnock Lodge, Bridgeport, and has filled all of the chairs in Stratfield Encampment up to those of noble grand and chief patriarch. He is also a past patron in Orient Lodge No. 1, of the Order of the Eastern Star. As alderman he served nine consecutive years, 1893-1902. Noble Thomas was born in South Wales, Eng., March 25, 1848, and was educated in the public schools of his native place. His parents were John and Ann Morgan Thomas, both of South Wales. He was married in West Stratford, Conn., November 2, 1869, to Sarah Elizabeth Simpson of Nantucket, Mass., and they have four children: Edgar Riddell, Mrs. Mabel L. Sanford, Stanley Garfield, and Agnes Rebekah. His wife and youngest daughter are members of the Eastern Star, and his elder son, a Mason. They are Congregationalists. For the past forty-two years he has been ballistic engineer for the Remington Arms and Union Metallic Company of Bridgeport, having been principally engaged in experimenting and developing the shooting powers of ammunition. His residence is 1390 East Main Street, Bridgeport.

PERCY S. HILL

On June 6, 1907, was ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine with enrollment No. 2108, having previously affiliated, as a Mason, with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., in which body he was raised in 1897; exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; was received and greeted in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, where he is serving as triangle guard. He has also received the Scottish Rite degrees from the Bridgeport bodies, including his thirty-second from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. The Brooklawn, Sea Side and Algonquin Clubs all claim him as a member. Born in Bridgeport, May 7, 1866, he obtained an education in private schools of his native city. His parents were William B., born in Easton, Conn., and Mary C. Summers Hill of Bridgeport. He was united in marriage with Louise Gorham Walker of Bridgeport, on June 2, 1891. They have one child, John Walker. Noble Hill is an Episcopalian; is a lover of all outdoor sports, and his reading interest is general. For the past twenty-one years since 1890 he has been salesman for the American Tubing and Stamping Company, and he is also secretary of that company. Their location is at 471 Hancock Avenue, Bridgeport, and his residence, 887 Park Avenue, Bridgeport.

BURTON H. STRICKLAND

Worthy of that honor, the Order of the Mystic Shrine was exemplified on him in Pyramid Temple, on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1553. He is a 32° Mason, thrice illustrious grand master of the Grand Council of Connecticut, and captain of the guard in the Connecticut Council of Deliberation. He received his York Rite degrees in Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., where he is a past thrice illustrious master, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., which he is serving as eminent commander. He is deputy master of E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; master of ceremonies in Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; master of ceremonies in New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and a member of Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of the Masonic and Knights Templar Clubs; of the Sons of Veterans; the Young Men's Republican Club, and treasurer of the Brooks Club of Trinity Parish. Noble Strickland was born in Plainville, Conn., August 26, 1869, receiving a public school education in Southington and New Haven. He is also a graduate of the Yale Business College. His parents are Lorenzo C. and Adeline (Hills) Strickland, the former, native of Palmer, Mass., and the latter, of Plainville. He was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., October 20, 1897, to Dora Hobron of that city. They are Episcopal believers, and his residence is at 368 Alden Avenue, New Haven. Since 1901 he has been a teller in the New Haven Savings Bank, at the corner of Orange and Court Streets.

YALE D. BISHOP

Entered the ranks of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 15, 1900, with enrollment 1383. His York Rite Masonic degrees were received from Annawon Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his degrees of the Scottish Rite including the thirty-second, were conferred by the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and is an Elk in New Haven Lodge No. 25. Noble Bishop was born in West Haven, Conn., May 31, 1869. His father was Sherlock Hubbard Bishop of North Haven, and his mother, Mary Jane Domkee Bishop, of West Haven birth. He received a public school education in West Haven, which was supplemented by a course in the Cargill Business College of New Haven. He was married in Meriden, July 31, 1906, to Inez M. Wakefield of Gardiner, Me. They have two children, Yale D., Jr., and Charles W. Their religious belief is Episcopal, and his favorite diversions are autoing, fishing and hunting. From 1907 Noble Bishop has been proprietor of the Bishop Colonnade, located in West Haven, Savin Rock, and prior to that time he was engaged in the restaurant business with Frank Wilcox. He is also proprietor of Hotel Bishop on Chapel and High Streets, New Haven, and his residence is located at 1074 Chapel Street, same city.

WILLIAM A. BRAUN

Held the honorable position of mayor of Danbury for two years, from 1905 to 1907, and 1891 to 1893 was a member of the General Assembly. He is one of the leading merchant tailors of Danbury, having there established his business nearly thirty-five years ago, in 1879. He was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on June 6, 1887, his enrollment number being 282, having made his Masonic connections with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, of which he is a past commander. He is a member of the Samaritan Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and of the Independent Order of Red Men. He also holds membership in the Danbury Club. Noble Braun was born in New York City, April 22, 1855, and attended the public schools of Hartford. His parents were William Braun from Potsdam, Ger., and Marie Elizabeth Christman Braun, from Bavaria, Ger. He was married in Hartford, February 3, 1881, to Caroline F. Standinger, daughter of Charles Standinger of that city. They are Congregationalists. Baseball is his favorite sport. They reside at 60 Division Street, and his business address is 223 Main Street, Danbury.

ANDREW R. JONES

Attained his nobility in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, with enrollment 1629, his Masonic qualifications having been gained in the following York Rite bodies of Danbury; Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He is, likewise, a member of Progressive Lodge No. 18, of the Odd Fellows, in Danbury, and of the Danbury Club. In 1900 he became president of the Danbury Hardware Company, having been its vice-president for the four preceding years, and on June 1, 1911, he became sole proprietor of the business of that company. He is also vice-president of the State Hardware Association, and president of the Connecticut State Business Men's Association; is identified with the Danbury Business Men's Association, and also in local movements and enterprises. Noble Jones was born in Orange Springs, Fla., November 6, 1861, and received an education in the public schools of Danbury. His parents were William B. and Jane Donnan Jones, the former, native of Ridgefield, and the latter, of Scottish birth. He was married in Danbury, May 16, 1888, to Edith G. Bradley, daughter of Charles H. and Arabel Tillotson Bradley of that city. He is a Congregationalist, in which faith he was bred. Traveling and autoing afford him much enjoyment. His hardware establishment is at 249 Main Street, Danbury, and his residence, at 34 Pleasant Street, Danbury.

TOM RIDING ANTWIS

Initiated a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 20, 1911, with enrollment No. 2385, has Masonic connections with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum in Standard Council No. 427 of New York City. Noble Antwis was born in Delaware, Cheshire, Eng., on August 23, 1880, where he attended school, also taking a course at the Holmes Chapel Agricultural College. He served in the Royal Horse Guard, during the latter part of Queen Victoria's and the beginning of King Edward's reign, being a member of the escort at the coronation of King Edward. His parents are Thomas and Mercy Hobson Riding Antwis, the former native of Rixtom, Lancashire, and the latter of Irlam, Lancashire, Eng. He was married in Rockville, Conn., on April 18, 1908, to Inez Winifred West of that place, daughter of Hon. Gelon W. West, native of Rockville, who was judge of Probate Court in Vernon County for over twenty-three years. Her mother was formerly Miss Ellen Goodwin of Marshfield, Vt. Noble Antwis was formerly a salesman for the Woodstock-Wind Motor Company of Woodstock, Ontario, Can., and since 1906, for Swift and Company, wholesale dealers and packers, at 464 Water Street, Bridgeport. His residence has been at 53 Freeman Street, Bridgeport, whence he has removed to Toronto, Can., being there employed in a similar capacity, with the Swift Canadian Company.

FREDERICK V. BOWMAN

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 28, 1893, with enrollment 957, has Masonic affiliations with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., being king; Union Council No. 18, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and is connected with Housatonic Lodge No. 6, and Excelsior Encampment No. 18, of the I. O. O. F., being a noble grand, and a past patriarch of the encampment. He is also a member of the Union League Club, and has been for the past sixteen years, and of the 49th Club of New Haven. For fifteen years he was a member of the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard, and is now on the retired staff. Noble Bowman is Republican in political principle, and in 1883-86 served as senior burgess of Shelton. He was born in the "City of Elms," June 4, 1849, and was there educated. His parents were William E. and Sarah Wheatley Van Bowman, the former of New Hampshire, and the latter of English origin. He has been twice married, his first wife having been Kate R. Connell of New Haven, to whom he was married on June 2, 1875, and his present marriage to Miss E. B. Flagg of Springfield, Mass., was solemnized in that city on February 5, 1896. He is an Episcopalian. Since 1891 he has been a traveling salesman for the National Folding Paper Box Company of New Haven, having been connected with that business for thirty years. His residence is at 22 Maple Street, New Haven.

WILLIAM CURTIS HAWLEY

An Arab of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was born in Bridgeport, Conn., March 31, 1873, and there received an education in public and private schools, having taken a special high school course. His parents are Frederick B. and Jennie E. Curtis Hawley of Bridgeport. He was married in Fairfield, April 30, 1891, to Mary Theodosia Burr, daughter of William and Katherine Sherwood Burr of Fairfield. They have two children: William and Theodosia. His Masonic connections embrace both York and Scottish Rite bodies of Bridgeport. In his commandery and consistory, he is second bass of the choir. On May 15, 1900, he was admitted to Pyramid Temple, as a noble of the Mystic Shrine, with enrollment 1386. He is also a member of the Sea Side Club, and of Mill Hill Golf Club. Noble Hawley has been secretary and treasurer of the Davis & Hawley Company since 1897, and preceding his entrance to the firm, was for two years one of the directors in that business. Prior to that he was with Parker & Davis, with the exception of a year and a half, in which he was assistant manager of the Standard, a Bridgeport newspaper. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Davis and Hawley, Inc., jewelers, of Waterbury, and treasurer of the Jewelers' Corporation of Bridgeport. Noble Hawley's political views are Republican, and his religious affiliations Congregational. He enjoys outdoor sports and historical reading. His firm is located in Bridgeport, at 990 Main Street, and his home, at 54 Rushing Place, same city.

EDWARD G. WILSON

Was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 13, 1908, with enrollment 2208, having previously made his connection with the following Masonic bodies: Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is, too, a member of the Fellow Crafters' Association of Bridgeport. Noble Wilson came of Swedish ancestry, his parents being Thomas O. and Hannah Rask Wilson, and he was born in New Britain, Conn., April 21, 1885, and educated in the public schools of Bridgeport, graduating with honor from the high school in 1903. On June 1, 1909, he was married to Elsa Viola Westerberg of Brooklyn, N. Y. They have one son, Fred Grant, born July 8, 1910. Motor-boating, fishing, and camping are pastimes of which Noble Wilson is most fond, and in reading, the English classics and Shakespeare have an especial interest for him. He is secretary of the First English Lutheran Church of Bridgeport, and is also superintendent of its Sunday School. From 1903 he has been bookkeeper of the Pequonnock National Bank of Bridgeport. His political views are Republican, and he resides at 149 Beechwood Avenue, Bridgeport.

GEORGE W. BELDEN, M. D.

Life member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to the nobility of that body on May 5, 1903, and therein enrolled 1678. He was raised in Brooklyn Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in 1887, and dimitted therefrom to join Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; passed under the ninth arch in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He was made a 32° Mason, and has received all the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Bridgeport A. A. S. R. bodies. He is also allied with the Knights of Pythias in American Lodge No. 52, and with the Order of the Eastern Star in Excelsior Chapter, both in New Haven. Noble Belden was born in Albany, N. Y., on July 5, 1854. He is a high school graduate. Since 1891 he has been a specialist in chronic diseases. Prior to that time, for seven years he was in the medical department of the United States Government, and stationed for a year and a half at Cadet Hospital, West Point, N. Y., where he was steward. He has both his home and office at The Fenwick, 8 College Street, New Haven, Apartment 101. He is unmarried, and his mother has her home with him. He enjoys club life, and rest from his arduous duties is to him a most pleasant pastime, also the reading of Dickens, and other standard works.

GERHARD DROUVÉ

No. 1373 in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was admitted to its nobility on December 27, 1899, being Masonically identified with the following bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Lessing Lodge No. 94, Bridgeport. Noble Drouvé was born in Westphalia, Ger., August 10, 1851, and received an education in the public schools of that place. His father was Joseph R. Drouvé, native of Cologne, Ger., and his mother is Frederica Schwalmeyer Drouvé, also of German birth. He was married in Berlin, Ger., in 1880, to Pauline Zaske of that city. Their three daughters are: Bertha, Minnie and Ethel. Noble Drouvé was bred in the Congregational faith, and adheres to its tenets. He is devoted to his business, which is the manufacturing of skylights and sheet metal for all uses, having started same in 1885, and ten years later, incorporated it as the Drouvé Company, when he assumed its presidency and treasurership. In politics, Noble Drouvé is an Independent. He resides at 611 Hancock Avenue, Bridgeport, and his factory is at 42 Llewellyn Street, same city.

HUGH STIRLING

Potentate of Pyramid Temple in 1895, and one of the honored survivors of that early period of service in the upbuilding of Pyramid Temple, was welcomed into that body of the Mystic Shrine on October 23, 1882, his being but the 27th enrollment in that illustrious body, which in the intervening years has seen a gain of approaching two thousand five hundred members. His Masonic affiliations are with the Bridgeport York and Scottish Rite bodies, being past master in his lodge, and having filled all the offices in all of the bodies, also having been grand master of Masons in Connecticut, 1892-93; grand commander, Knights Templar, in Connecticut in 1895, and prelate of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., for twenty-four consecutive years. He is a member of the Algonquin Club. Politically a Republican, he served as police commissioner from 1885 to 1888; as councilman, 1881-82; health officer, 1891-93; on the Board of Appraisers, 1898-99; and as mayor of Bridgeport for the term beginning in 1899 and ending in 1900. Since 1886 he has been engaged in the manufacture of mattress beds, and prior to that, from 1867, was employed in the Howe Machine Factory of Bridgeport. Illustrious Noble Stirling was born on January 16, 1848, in London, Eng., where he acquired a public school education. His parents, Hugh and Ellen Stratton Stirling, were also of English birth. He was married in Bridgeport, July 3, 1877, to Anna Eleanor Reid of that city, daughter of Samuel Reid. They have one child, Anna E. Noble Stirling is an Episcopalian, and was bred in that faith. He enjoys all kinds of outdoor sports, in reading being deeply interested in history, science and fiction. His business address is 19 Union Square, Bridgeport, and he resides at 26 Buckingham Street, Bridgeport.

LINCOLN H. HOLLOWAY

Of Groton, Conn., was there born on March 31, 1865, and attended public and private schools of his native town, taking a finishing course at the Mystic Valley Institute. His father, the late William H. Holloway, of Groton, passed away in April, 1910. Noble Holloway's mother's demise having preceded that of his father. She was Paulina D. Perkins Holloway, also native of Groton. Noble Holloway was married on December 10, 1888, to Isa L. Sisson of Groton. Their children are: Mrs. Grace May Partridge, Harry F., and Lillian B. His religious affiliations are Baptist, and he was brought up in that faith. In Freemasonry he is enrolled in Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M., New London; Union R. A. Chapter No. 7; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, through the medium of which he was received into Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, on November 27, 1905, his membership therein being No. 1885. He is also an Odd Fellow, in Fairview Lodge of Groton, being a past grand, and for two terms was district deputy, and passed through all of the chairs. The Elks also claim his membership in their New London Lodge, and he is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and of the Daughters of Rebekah, in their respective Groton lodges. He is one of the life incorporators of the Odd Fellows' Home in Groton. Noble Holloway is proprietor of a meat and provision market in Groton, on Riverview Avenue, and has conducted that business since 1886. The six preceding years his business was fishing on the Menhaden Steamers. His residence is in Groton.

RALPH C. SHERWOOD

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 4, 1904, and therein enrolled 1807. He is Masonically affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., in which he is master of the 3d veil; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and with the A. A. S. R. bodies of Bridgeport. Noble Sherwood was born in Westport, Conn., April 17, 1881, and received a public school education in Bridgeport. His parents were Fred and Julia D. Coley Sherwood, the former having been a native of Westport, and the latter, of Weston. His favorite recreations are traveling, autoing, and yachting, and he is enrolled in the Seaside Club, the Bridgeport Auto Club, and the Pootatuck Yacht Club. His political platform is that of Republicanism. Since 1908 he has been a salesman for the Bridgeport Malleable Iron Company, located at 719 South Avenue; from 1896 up to that time having served in various capacities in office, and also in the plant itself. He has a summer residence in Stratford, living in Bridgeport during the winter months.

JOHN H. MOORE

No. 1379 in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was received into its fold on May 15, 1900. His York Rite degrees were conferred by Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; his A. A. S. R. degrees from the New Haven bodies, and his consistorial degree from Lafayette S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. Noble Moore was born in New Haven, Conn., July 16, 1874, and received an education in the public schools of his native city. His parents were John and Alice E. Hull Moore, the former of Little Falls, N. Y., and the latter of Naugatuck, Conn. His marriage to Elizabeth Sorenson took place in New Haven, on Thanksgiving Day, 1910. They are attendants at the Methodist Church, and he was brought up in that faith. His favorite pastimes are hunting and fishing, and he resides at 51 Henry Street, New Haven. He was previously engaged in the manufacture of cartridges for a company in Ohio, but for the past eighteen years has been a foreman for the Winchester Repeating Arms Company.

JAMES CALLAN

Was made a Master Mason in St. Brides' Lodge in 1859, and affiliated with Harmony Lodge No. 9, A. F. & A. M., in Waterbury, in 1872, serving as its master for three years. For three years also, he was high priest of Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 42, and its grand high priest in 1902. He is a member of Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M., and was thrice illustrious master of that body for one year. He is, too, a past senior warden of Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., and past grand high priest of Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Through the medium of his commandery, he was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, on November 24, 1890, his enrollment in that body being 548. Of Scottish birth and parentage, Noble Callan first saw the light of day, April 12, 1841. His parents were John and Jane Fleming Callan. He was married in Dalkeith, Scotland, in January, 1869, to Elizabeth Herriott, also of Scottish birth. Their six children are: John, William H., Adam, Alice H., James A., and George S. They are affiliated with the Congregational body, as were his parents. Noble Callan adheres to Republicanism, and is serving his city as an alderman. He has been a tube manufacturer since 1871, when he entered the employ of the firm then known as Holmes, Booth and Hayden, but now as the American Brass Company. He has been continuously employed in the same business and is a foreman. His business address is 721 Bank Street, Waterbury, and he also resides in that city, at 495 Washington Avenue.

DAVID H. CLARK

One of the life members of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was received into its nobility on May 25, 1891, with enrollment 656, through the medium of his consistorial degree, received from Lafayette, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He first saw light in Masonry in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also enrolled in the Knights Templar Club, of which he is a charter member, and is president of the National Fraternal League of New Haven; a member of the Union League Club; New Haven Young Men's Republican Club, and New Haven Auto Club. In politics a Republican, he has served his city for three years as fire commissioner. Noble Clark was born in Stratford, Conn., and received an education in its public schools. He was the son of David H. and Mary A. DeForrest Clark, both of Stratford. On January 18, 1872, he was married to Emma F. Beers, formerly of New Canaan. They have one son, Harry. His favorite pastimes are hunting, fishing and autoing. Noble Clark has been a member of the Governor's Foot Guard ever since its reorganization, eighteen years ago. Prior to that, for five years, he served in Company K of the 4th Connecticut Regiment, in Stratford, and at the end of that time he received an honorable discharge. He was on the non-commissioned staff of Mayor Weed, and is now on Mayor Hewlett's staff, with rank of captain. Since 1906 he has been president of the contracting and building firm of D. H. Clark and Company, located at 166 Brewery Street, New Haven. He also resides in New Haven, at 33 Pearl Street.

WALTER S. ROGERS

No. 1278 in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, entered that body on April 29, 1898. His Masonic connections are with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No 2, K T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Rogers was born in Old Lyme, Conn., November 18, 1855, and was there educated in the public schools. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth Chapman Rogers, the former a native of Old Lyme, and the latter of Montville, Conn. He was united in marriage with Hettie Beckworth of East Lyme, on January 7, 1879, in the town of Waterford. They have one child, Ethel B. By trade Noble Rogers is a tool-maker. He is connected with Hodgson and Pettes of New Haven, and his residence is at 69 Barnett Street, New Haven.

JOHN M. WIESE

Elevated to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 2, 1902, has Masonic connections with Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., of which he was eminent commander, 1910-11; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Wiese was born in Neumunster, Ger., August 24, 1866, and was educated in the public schools of his native country. His father was August H. Wiese, also born in Neumunster, and on May 13, 1836. His mother is Anna Jacobson Wiese, native of Apenrade, Ger. He was married April 5, 1893, to Anna H. Nissen of same nativity. They are Episcopalians. He is a dealer in butter and eggs, at 24 East Main Street, Meriden, and has been engaged in that business since November 27, 1897, ten years prior to that having been in the confectionery business. He resides at 4 Akron Street, Meriden.

MERLE C. COWLES

Potentate of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in 1903, was received into the nobility of that body on November 26, 1894, where he is enrolled as No. 1018. He is a 32° Mason and connected with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., where he is a past master; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., for three years past having served as master of the 3d veil; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. Ill. Noble Cowles is a native of Franklin, Delaware County, N. Y., where he was born on New Year's Day, 1861. He was educated in New York State. His parents, both natives of Connecticut, were Solomon G. and Emily C. Andrews Cowles, the former of Norfolk, and the latter of Winsted. He was married on June 17, 1882, in Waterbury, to Carrie A. Sanford, daughter of Reuel and Nancy Neal Sanford of that city. Their children are: Alice, Emma, Frederick, Louise, and George. Noble Cowles is a Congregationalist, as were his parents, and he is Republican in principle and affiliation. From 1900, he has been in the employ of the city, in street, park, and two years in the stone-crushing department. For eighteen years prior to that, he was in the brass-casting business, but gave it up for the benefit of his health. He is now superintendent of the Lake View House, Bridgeport, and has been since 1906, and he makes his residence there.

FREDERICK SCHUSSLER

Arab of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, and also life member, was admitted to its nobility on May 5, 1900, with enrollment 1398, his Masonic affiliations being with Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also connected with Sam Harris Lodge No. 29, of the Odd Fellows; the Arian Singing Society; Germania Singing Society; the P. T. Barnum Lodge of Knights of Pythias, and the Algonquin Club. Noble Schussler was born in New Haven, Conn., December 13, 1862, the son of Frederick and Willamice Stockle Schussler, both having been of German birth. His wife was C. Bertha Kutscher. He received a public school education in New Haven; was brought up in the Lutheran faith, and adheres to its tenets; in politics he acts with the Democratic Party; enjoys baseball and all outdoor sports, and from September 1, 1896, has been salesman for the Hartmann Brewing Company; prior to that time, for twelve years, having been a tool maker in Winchester, and employed by the Whitney Arms Company of New Haven for four years. He resides in Bridgeport, at 1139 Noble Street.

JOHN W. BEDIENT

A past captain of the guard in Pyramid Temple, was ennobled in that illustrious body of the Mystic Shrine, on January 30, 1896, his enrollment therein being 1132, and is likewise affiliated as a Mason, in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., which body he has served as secretary for eighteen years, and Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., for twenty-five years; also Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., has had his secretarial services for a like period of twenty-five years. He was created a Knight Templar in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, and his A. A. S. R. degrees were conferred by the Bridgeport bodies. He has also served Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix for two years as secretary, and was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory. Noble Bedient was born in Danbury, Conn., May 18, 1849, and was educated in the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school. His parents were S. S. and Deborah Hodges Bedient, both natives of Danbury. May 19, 1880, marked the date of his marriage, in Bridgeport, to Elizabeth Stirling of London, Eng., daughter of Hugh and Eleanor Stratton Stirling of same nativity. Their one child has passed away. Noble Bedient is of the Episcopal faith, as were his parents, and Mrs. Bedient is also an Episcopalian. His favorite sports are fishing and hunting, and his preferred reading is Masonic history. His political views are Republican, and from 1880 until 1895 he was in the grocery business with West and Wedge, but five years later engaged in sign painting on his own account, his business location being at 41 Elm Street, Bridgeport. He also resides in that city, at 153 William Street.

M. MOODY DOWNER

Entered Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December 28, 1893, his number in that illustrious body being 964. He had previously made connections with the following Masonic bodies: Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is a well-known clubman, holding membership in the Algonquin, Seaside, Calumet, and Country Clubs, all of Bridgeport, and in the Army and Navy Club of New York.

He was an alderman 1896-98, and police commissioner 1904-07; president of the Board of Public Works 1901-05; from 1905-07, inclusive, was commissary general on Governor Roberts' staff, with the rank of colonel, and was vice-president of the Board of Trade 1909-10. His business is the manufacturing of corsets. He has held the position of president and treasurer of the Downer, Hawes & Co., of 34 Norman Street, Bridgeport, since 1902.

Noble Downer was born in Newburyport, Mass., November 25, 1854, the son of Moses N. and Elizabeth Kelsey Downer. He was married in 1877 to Nellie C. Buckingham, daughter of Nathan and Mary C. Broth Buckingham of Bridgeport. They have two children: Harry B., and Edith M., and are members of the Episcopal Church. Their home is at 387 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport.

FRANK M. WILSON

Potentate of Pyramid Temple in 1901, was received into the nobility of that body on May 26, 1892, his membership number being 862. He first saw Masonic light in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; received the cryptic degrees in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., through the medium of which he became eligible to membership in the Order of the Mystic Shrine. He is also regent of the Royal Arcanum, and a member of Arcanum Lodge of the Odd Fellows in Bridgeport, also of the Brooklawn Country and Sea Side Clubs, and president of the Algonquin Club. Born in Tarrytown, N. Y., on August 23, 1847, he received an education in the public schools of Bridgeport, which was supplemented by a course in the Bridgeport Business College. His father was Moses H. Wilson, and his mother, Frances Norton Wilson, the former native of Easton and the latter of Port Jefferson, N. Y. In 1880 Illustrious Noble Wilson was married in Bridgeport, to Julia Lyon, daughter of F. H. and Bessie Hawley Lyon of Bridgeport. Their two children are Arthur M. and Edith Lyon. His religious affiliations are Episcopal, and he was brought up in that faith. Hunting, fishing, and the reading of fiction are his favorite forms of diversion. His business, since 1885, has been that of merchant-tailoring, as senior member of the firm of Wilson and Rusling, their business location being at the corner of Cannon and Broad Streets, Bridgeport, and his home, 309 Washington Avenue, also in Bridgeport.

ALLAN W. PAIGE

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1895, his temple number being 1093, is allied with Masonry in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He has also received his Scottish Rite degrees from the Bridgeport bodies, and was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is, too, a member of Pequonnock Lodge of the I. O. O. F. Of clubs, the Brooklawn Country, the University of Bridgeport, the Union League and Railroad, of New York, claim his membership. Noble Paige was born in Sherman, Conn., January 28, 1854, there receiving the elementary part of his education, and in the Russell School of New Haven. His parents were John and Cornelia Joyce Paige, both of Sherman. Noble Paige was married in Shelton, in December, twenty-five years ago, to Elizabeth Downs of Derby, and they have two children, Marion D. and Aline E. Noble Paige is a Congregationalist. Politically, and in principle, he is a Republican, and he is now representing his section as senator. He was also a senator in 1905 and chairman of the Judiciary Committee; Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1899, and member of the House for two terms. In 1882 he was assistant clerk, and in 1883 clerk of the House of Representatives, and clerk of the Senate in 1885. He graduated from the Yale Law School in 1881, and until six years ago practiced law under the firm name of Paige and Hincks. His residence is at 219 Park Avenue, Bridgeport.

WILLIAM C. HAMILTON

Of Bridgeport, was born in Bridgeport, October 6, 1869, receiving an education in public and private schools of that city. He has been president and treasurer of the James Hamilton Pharmacy, since 1892, and prior to that date, was bookkeeper for the Bridgeport Patent Leather Company from 1887.

He entered Pyramid Temple, May 5, 1905, the number of his enrollment being 1868, previous to that date having affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Sea Side Country Club, and his political affiliations are with the Republican Party.

His father is Gordon C. Hamilton of Bridgeport, and his mother was Anna Powers Hamilton, also of Bridgeport. He was married, October 15, 1895, to Catherine Ferris, daughter of Samuel H. and Julia Knapp Ferris of South Norwalk. Their three children are: Elizabeth B., Alice, and William C., Jr.

Noble Hamilton's religious preference is Episcopalian, and his favorite sport and pastimes are: baseball, boating and fishing. He is also fond of historical nad scientific reading, and his business address is, 909 Main Street, Bridgeport, while his residence is 317 West Avenue.

JOHN JOHNSTON

Became a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple No. 8, on April 28, 1884, with enrollment 62, being one of that pioneer hundred to whom so much credit is due in those early formation years of Pyramid, and the directing of it to its present proportions, and high standing among the Temples of the land. His York Rite degrees were received in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were also conferred by the Bridgeport bodies, and he became a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, of which he is a member. Noble Johnston was born in New York City, N. Y., on August 13, 1854, and was educated in the public and private schools of his native city. He also studied at Wilton, under Prof. Olmstead. His parents were Robert John and Johanna Gaskin, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of New Jersey. He was married in Wilton, May 17, 1882, to Marianna Comstock of that place, and they have two daughters: Mabel C. and Edith. They are Congregationalists. His first nineteen years of business experience was gained as a commercial traveler for Morford and Trubee; Hopson, Pyle and Company, of Bridgport, and R. C. Williams and Company, of New York City. For seven years he was engaged in the manufacturing of typewriters and is now bookkeeper for the firm of David Trubee & Company, 498 Water Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 114 Whitney Avenue, Bridgeport.

CHARLES BARTRAM

Of Bridgeport, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on November 29, 1898, with enrollment number 1286, his Masonic degrees having previously been gained in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix; and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of Our Brothers Lodge of the Odd Fellows in Norwalk, and his political affiliations are with the Republicans. Noble Bartram was born in Fairfield, Conn., March 2, 1853, and graduated from the high school of that town. His parents were Daniel Sanford and Eliza Godfrey Bartram, both of Fairfield. He was married in New York City, November 15, 1876, to Ella Greenman, daughter of George and Frances Scofield Greenman of that city. They have two children, Frances Louise and Daniel Sanford. He is a Congregationalist, and his wife, an Episcopalian. They reside at 592 Laurel Avenue. Noble Bartram's business is that of accountant with the John R. Woodhull Beef Company, at 526 Water Street, Bridgeport, which position he has filled for the past fifteen years. Prior to that he was four years with the F. A. Bartram Company.

JOHN C. LYNCH, M. D.

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1901, with enrollment 1501, received his York Rite degrees from St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees from the A. A. S. R. bodies in Bridgeport, including his consistorial degree, conferred by Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Lynch was born in Trumbull, Conn., February 6, 1865. His father was Owen Lynch, native of County Cavan, Ireland, and his mother is Read B. Lynch. He attended the public schools of his birthplace, and the Commercial Military Institute of Bridgeport. In 1886 he graduated as a physician and surgeon from the medical department of the University of the City of New York, and was employed as visiting physician in the Bridgeport Hospital. He was adjunct professor of nervous and mental diseases in the New York Polyclinic Hospital and School; is a member of the City, County, State and National Medical Associations, and was commissioner of health, 1892-94, under Mayor Marigold, serving a subsequent term in the same office under Mayor Taylor. From 1888 to 1905, he was city physician at the almshouse. He is also chief of clinics at the New York Post Graduate Medical School. He was married in Bridgeport, April 18, 1895, to Sadie Esther Walls of Bridgeport, and they have two children, Hubbard and John C., Jr. Dr. Lynch has his residence at 826 Myrtle Avenue, Bridgeport.

JOHN L. PORTER

A 32° Mason of Stratford, and past master in St. John's Lodge No 8, A. F. & A. M., in Stratford, has received all of the Scottish Rite degrees in Bridgeport bodies. He was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1905, and therein enrolled 1849. Noble Porter was born in Redding, Conn., August 13, 1876, and receiving an education in the public schools of Redding and Bethel, graduated from the Bethel High School. His father was Charles Porter of Bethel, and his mother is Hannah Wilkes Porter, native of Danbury. He was married in Stratford December 19, 1900, to Clararisa Curtis of Stratford, daughter of O. B. and Harriet Clark Curtis, the former of Stratford and the latter of Nichols. His religious affiliations are both Methodist and Episcopal, having been brought up in the latter faith. He is independent in political matters. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports. His business is that of railroading for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, having been so engaged for the past eleven years. His home address is also Stratford.

SAMUEL H. WILLIAMS

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 27, 1899, with enrollment 1360, has York Rite Masonic connections with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., in which he is thrice illustrious master, also member of the Grand Council and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., which he is serving as 3d guard. He has also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees, being orator in both his lodge of perfection, and chapter of Rose Croix. He was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He also holds membership in the Knights Templar Club, and is connected wih the Improved Order of the Red Men in Hammonasset Tribe No. 1. He is a Republican and a member of the Young Men's Republican Club, and has been a member of the Board of Relief from 1903, and of the Board of Commissioners since 1909. He has been engaged in the drug business in New Haven from 1888 to the present time. Noble Williams was born in Nashua, N. H., on March 25, 1868; attended the public and private schools in Groton, Mass., and the Lawrence Academy. His father is Samuel P. Williams of Groton, Mass. He is married to Nettie M. Thompson, of New Haven, and they have five children. His favorite pastimes are music and autoing. He is a retired member of the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard, having been hospital steward at time of his retirement from service. His business address is City Hall, and he resides at 181 Shelton Avenue, New Haven.

GEORGE A. BRISTOL

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on April 25, 1904, and therein enrolled as No. 1746. His Masonic degrees were attained in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is a past chief patriarch in Sassacus Encampment No. 1, and a member of City Lodge No. 36, both of the I. O. O. F., in New Haven. Noble Bristol was born in New Haven, March 3, 1856, and there received a public school education. His parents were Nehemiah and Elizabeth (Langridge) Bristol, the former of Milford, and the latter of Long Island, N. Y.

EDWARD W. KNEEN

Has membership No. 1894 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., bearing date of November 27, 1905. He is a past master of Hiram Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. Masons, and during his term of office raised the largest number of Masons in any one term in the history of that lodge. He is also a member of Solomon Chapter No. 9, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He was master at the 125th anniversary of the lodge, and district deputy grand master for the Third Connecticut District, 1908-10. Noble Kneen is treasurer of the Shelton Savings Bank, and of the Shelton Bank and Trust Company; is also town clerk and tax collector for Huntington, Conn. He was born in Shelton, April 12, 1875, and was married to Louise E. Pierce at New Brighton, Penn., on April 14, 1898. They have one son, Harold, born in 1900. Noble Kneen resides at No. 194 Coram Avenue, Shelton, where he is active in the affairs of the community. As tax collector for the past ten years, his books prove that he has made the best record of any tax collector in Connecticut. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Congregational Church of Shelton, and in the General Assembly of 1905 represented the town of Huntington, in the lower branch of the Legislature.

CHARLES M. PARKER

Holds Masonic membership in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., through the medium of which he gained admission to the Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on April 25, 1904, with enrollment 1742. He is also a member of the Torrington and Greenwood Golf Clubs. Noble Parker was born in Brookfield, Conn., August 14, 1868, and received a public school education in Norwalk, Bridgeport, and Danbury. His father was John M. Parker, and his mother is Mary A. Harrison Parker. He was married August 3, 1897, to Caroline Wilson of Danbury. From 1904 he has been a member of the firm of Parker, Meade and Company, dealers in dry and fancy goods, located at 82 Main Street, Torrington.

ARTHUR E. TWEEDY

President of the Danbury Club, and of the Danbury and Bethel Street Railway Company, and since 1890, proprietor of an industry for the manufacture of articles required in hat making, silk hat bands, trimmings, braids, etc., is also a member of the Board of Taxation and Apportionment of the City of Danbury, and since 1906, a director of the City National Bank, of Danbury, and member of the Hospital Board of Management.

Noble Tweedy was born in New York, September 22, 1865. In addition to elementary and grammar school courses in Danbury and New York, he took an academic military course in Ossining, N. Y. His parents were Oliver P. and A. S. Nichols Tweedy. His marriage to Grace Pielling of Danbury, daughter of Albert J. and Helen Main Pielling, was celebrated October 19, 1888. Their two children are: Donald N. and Marguerite L., born respectively in 1890 and 1892.

He joined the Masonic Order in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., and there became identified with Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. Thus qualified, he was received in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 9, 1906, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 1946.

He is a Congregationalist in religious matters, and Republican in politics. His factory is located on East Franklin Street, and his home at 10 Terrace Place, both in Danbury.

WILLIAM M. RICHARDSON

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, and an Arab in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was received into its nobility on April 29, 1898, his enrollment therein being 1323. He was previously qualified as a Mason, in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council of Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also affiliated with the Odd Fellows, in Adelphian Lodge in Bridgeport, Stratford Encampment. Noble Richardson was born in Brookfield, Mass., November 15, 1853, and in 1863 removed to Springfield, Mass., where he received the greater part of his education. His parents were Charles W. and Mary E. Richardson. They were Congregationalists, and Noble Richardson is also of that faith. He was married in Bridgeport, April 14, 1885, to Kate L. Wheeler, daughter of S. P. and Alma Birdseye Wheeler of that city. He had nine years' experience as accountant prior to 1894, when he made his present business connection with the American Tube and Stamping Company of Bridgeport. He resides at 75 Sherwood Avenue.

GEORGE F. AUSTIN

Gained admission to the ranks of the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Shrine, on May 25, 1891, his enrollment therein being 731. His previous Masonic affiliations were made with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. In his lodge he is a past junior deacon, past senior warden, past worshipful master, and one of the trustees. Noble Austin was born in Somers, West Chester County, N. Y., September 7, 1855. His father was Nathan L. Austin of Lake Macapalm Falls, N. Y., and his mother, Betsy Ann Field Austin, was also of New York. On December 30, 1886, his marriage to Lula M. Vincent, daughter of Filo C. and Phoebe C. Vail Vincent of Danbury, was celebrated in Danbury. They have two children: Joseph H., born February 19, 1892, and Carrol, September 19, 1896. He is connected with the Danbury Carriage Company, and became a member of the firm in 1890, previous to which time he was in the hat wire manufacturing business, under the firm name of George F. Austin & Company. His pastimes are hunting and fishing, and his home is 124 North Street, Danbury.

ROBERT J. VEIT

A resident of Bridgeport, was born there, July 23, 1861, and received an education in the public schools of that city. His parents were Godfrey and Catherine Traust Veit. He has been in the brewing business for the past twenty years. In politics, his views are with the Independents.

He entered the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, May 24, 1894, and holds membership 1008, in that body. His Masonic affiliations are with: Corinthian Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Park City and the Myamoyke Yacht Clubs.

Noble Veit resides in Bridgeport, at 18 Crescent Place.

GEORGE W. ROBERTS

Native and resident of Bridgeport, Conn., was received in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, on January 24, 1887, his being the 230th enrollment. He plays the bass drum in Pyramid Band, and is a member of the Arab Patrol. Masonically his affiliations are with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Roberts is musical director in Scottish Rite, and a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. From 1903 he has been treasurer of the Bridgeport Gas Light Company, having been interested in the gas-lighting business since 1886. In politics he claims independence, both in principle and practice.

JOHN C. BOOTH

Raised in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M., where he is a past master; exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., being past high priest; passed under the ninth arch in Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1905, and therein enrolled as No. 1937. For the past forty-four years, continuously, beginning August 5, 1867, he has been with the Meriden Britannia Company, the first sixteen of which he was foreman in the turning department. He served in the Second Regiment of Company F for nineteen years, as quartermaster sergeant. He is one of the lineal descendants of Richard Booth, the first settler in Stratford, Conn., and the son of Captain Henry D. Booth of Stratford, and Eliza Ann Curtis Booth. Noble Booth was born and educated in Meriden. Estelle J. Cloud of Meriden, is his wife. Their marriage was solemnized in New York, and they have their home at 17 North Second Street, Meriden. He is a member of the Meriden Wheel Club.

ISAAC T. BANKS

A member of Pyramid Arab Patrol, entered the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, having been created a noble in that illustrious body on December 10, 1901, and therein enrolled as 1496. His previously made Masonic connections are with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is, likewise, a member of Simon H. Harris Lodge No. 99 of the I. O. O. F., Stratford Encampment, and his club membership is with the Algonquin. His political views are independent. Noble Banks was born in Westport, Conn., March 30, 1868, where he attended the public schools, later taking a course in Turner's Business College. He was the son of Henry and Martha Hull Banks. On October 10, 1895, he was married in Bridgeport, to Ella M. Sturgis, daughter of Capt. Henry Sturgis of that city. In 1894 he opened a feed and livery business, to which in 1907 he added an undertaking establishment. His business location is 265 Cannon Street, and his residence, 51 Cottage Street, both in Bridgeport.

DANIEL C. DE WOLFE, M. D.

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and therein enrolled 838, on May 26, 1892, bears York Rite Masonic allegiance to Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were likewise attained in Bridgeport bodies, and he was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory.

GEORGE T. SMITH

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was initiated into the mysteries and good-fellowship of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. on December 14, 1898, being enrolled therein 1297. He had previously attained his Masonic qualification in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. Noble Smith is a member of the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory of the A. A. S. R. Masons, and of the Knights Templar, Union League and Young Men's Republican Clubs. His other fraternal association is with the Improved Order of the Red Men in Hamonassett Tribe. His parents are Marcus P. and Fannie Thomas Smith, both of New Haven, where he was born, March 18, 1874. He was also there educated in the public schools and Yale Business College. Noble Smith has been twice married. His first wife, Marie Holcomb Smith, at her demise, on April 30, 1905, left three children: Leland L., Harold H., and George P. His present wife, Mabel I. Close Smith, is the mother of one child, Robert C. Noble Smith is in the oyster business in New Haven, and he also lives in that city, at 41 Fifth Street.

WILLIAM B. SOMMERS

Born in Glastonbury, Conn., July 28, 1874, and educated in Massachusetts, graduating from the Franklin High School, was the son of Rudolph and Ellen McManus Sommers, the former of Copenhagen, Denmark, and the latter of New York. He was married in Franklin, Mass., on September 3, 1895, to Edith C. Gaskill of that town. They have one child, Rudolph T., and are attendants at the Episcopal Church. He received the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid Temple, on November 27, 1905, having been enrolled 1897. His Masonic affiliations are with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council of P. of J.; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of the Knights Templar and Young Men's Republican Clubs, and of the Royal Arcanum in Beacon Hill Lodge, New Haven. For ten years he was in the employ of the Adams Express Company, in their Boston, Danbury, and New Haven offices, but in 1903 he severed his connections with them, becoming bookkeeper for the Mechanics Bank of New Haven, at 72 Church Street, which position he now fills. His home is 213 Howard Avenue, New Haven.

EDWARD S. WARNES, D. D. S.

Arab of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to its nobility, on April 22, 1897, with enrollment 1225, his Masonic connections being in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of the Algonquin, Bridgeport, Bridgeport Yacht, and Automobile Clubs, also of the Board of Trade, and Business Men's Association. Noble Warnes was born in Utica, N. Y., October 19, 1857, receiving there and in Troy, N. Y., the elementary part of his education in public and private schools. His father was John Warnes, native of Shrewsbury, Eng., and his mother is Eliza Phillips Warnes of Welsh birth. He was married to Ida Mary Clark of Utica, on March 9, 1881. They have one child, Leila May. In religious belief, Noble Warnes and his family are Episcopalians, as also were his parents. His favorite outdoor pastime is autoing. Dr. Warnes started the practice of his profession, of dental surgery, in the city of his birth, on his graduation from the Dental College of Philadelphia. He has practiced over a quarter of a century in Bridgeport, his office being at 1062 Main Street, and he resides at 956 Iraniston Avenue, Bridgeport.

GEORGE D. PHILLIPS

Patent attorney of Bridgeport, was born in Redding, Conn., March 5, 1842, receiving an education in public and private schools of Yonkers, N. Y. His father was Henley E. Phillips, native of Danbury, and his mother is Luthena Chamberlain Phillips of New Milford. Emma A. Krinks, daughter of William E. and Mary A. Krinks of Bridgeport, is his wife. He is a 32° Mason, and affiliated with all of the Bridgeport bodies, being a past master in his lodge. On December 9, 1907, he was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his membership card bearing number 2117. He is, likewise, a member of the Odd Fellows, in Pequonnock Lodge No. 4; of the G. A. R., in Post Elias Howe No. 3; is a Republican; of the Methodist persuasion, and enjoys all outdoor sports. Noble Phillips has been engaged in the practice of patent law since 1885, for twenty years prior to that, having been interested in manufacturing. His law office is at 15 Post Office Arcade, and his home, 1144 Noble Avenue, both in Bridgeport.

HOWARD W. LIGHT

Enrolled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 10, 1901, as 1493, and previously knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., is also Masonically allied with Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., and King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., in which he was first brought to light in Masonry, and of which lodge he was master during 1910 and 1911. He is, likewise, affiliated with Housatonic Lodge No. 6, of the Odd Fellows, and with Mohican Council of the Royal Arcanum. Noble Light was born March 17, 1876, in North Vernon, Ind., and it was there he received his schooling. His father was Amos B. Light, M. D., native of Lebanon, Penn., and his mother is Mary Prather Light, of North Vernon, Ind. He was married in Shelton, on Christmas Day, 1902, to Atala Smith of Shelton. They have two children: Howard Amos, and George Summers. His religious affiliations are both Congregational and Presbyterian having been brought up a "blue stocking," and he now adheres to the less conservative form of church government. Beginning as an office boy in the employ of the Derby Paper Mills of Shelton, he served that company for seven years as assistant superintendent, till 1902, when he received the appointment of superintendent of the Pioneer Paper Mills in Ballston Spa, N. Y., remaining in that employ four years. On November 3, 1908, he accepted the secretaryship of the A. H. & C. B. Alling Company of Derby, which position he continues to fill. His residence is in Shelton, at 62 Howe Street.

IRVING D. ROBERTSON

Received in the ranks of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 25, 1904, and therein enrolled 1755, bears Masonic allegiance to Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past senior deacon; Butler Chapter No. 38, R. A. M., being grand master of the 3d veil, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., which he is serving as senior warden. He is likewise, a member of Butler Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of South Norwalk, and Colfax Encampment. Noble Robertson was born in East Norwalk, Conn., April 19, 1870, his father having been Benjamin Robertson, native of New York City. His mother is Roxanna Davis Robertson of Long Island, N. Y. He was educated in the public schools of his native town. Hunting, fishing and autoing are his favorite outdoor pastimes, and history his preference in reading. Since 1905 his occupation has been that of repairing automobiles, his shop being located at 204 East Washington Street, East Norwalk. He also resides in East Norwalk, at 31 Osborn Street.

EDWARD S. WILLETT

Entered the ranks of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., as a noble, on June 24, 1887, his enrollment being 232. In Masonry, his affiliations are with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also ex-secretary of the Algonquin Club; ex-president of the Sea Side Club; ex-commodore of the Bridgeport Yacht Club; ex-president of the Sea Side Outing Club, and a member of the Brooklawn Country Club. He votes with the Republicans, and held the post of town auditor in 1890.

Since 1880 he has been a traveling salesman for the David Trubee and Company, a wholesale grocery firm, of 498 Water Street, Bridgeport.

New York City was the place of his birth, and the date, January 9, 1861, his father having been George W. Willett of Port Monmouth, N. J. His mother is Martha Sherwood Stuyvesant Willett, of New York City. He was brought up in the Episcopal faith. His favorite pastimes are yachting and automobiling, while in reading he prefers the historical and geographical. He resided in Chicago a year, 1874-75. His home is at 555 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport.

COLONEL NATHAN H. HEFT

President since 1910 of the Heft Motor Company, has made a specialty of mechanical and electrical engineering projects, having been president of the Bridgeport Traction Company; chief owner of the Heft Lubricating Company; chief in the Electrical Department of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company. In addition to this, he was director in Northampton County National Bank, also electrical and mechanical engineer in numerous business enterprises in New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. He first made his entrance into Masonry in Landmark Lodge No. 444, A .F. & A. M., in Wilkesbarre, Penn.; was advanced and exalted in Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; was received and greeted in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and was dubbed and created a knight in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, in Bridgeport. He has also taken the Scottish Rite degrees in the four Bridgeport bodies, including Lafayette Consistory, from which he received his 32°. He subsequently joined Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December 27, 1898, his enrollment in that body being 1338. Noble Heft was born November 28, 1847, in Carverton, Luzerne County, Penn., and received an education in the district schools of his native place. His parents, both Presbyterians, were Samuel and Rebecca Blair Wilson Heft. He was first married to Frances Cease of Pitson, Penn., and his second marriage was to Josephine Moore Richardson of Washington, D. C. G. Stanley Heft, M. D., is his son and only child. He is fond of the open, and especially enjoys autoing, riding and driving. His business address is 695 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, and his home is at the same address.

CHESTER F. CLARK

Past master in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; high priest in Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38, and past eminent Commander in Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, is a 32° Mason, enrolled in Bridgeport Sovereign Consistory. December 1, 1903, he was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., his enrollment in that illustrious body being 1695. He is, likewise, a member of the Elks of Norwalk, in Lodge No. 709, and of the Improved Order of Red Men, in Uncas Tribe, South Norwalk. South Norwalk Club also claims his membership. He was an alderman in 1909-10. Of his thirty years of business life, beginning in 1880, the first two decades were spent in the grocery trade, and the last in the service of the Gas Light Company of South Norwalk. He is chief engineer of the Fire Department, and has occupied that post for the past five years, and is now located with Central New York Gas and Electric Company, as superintendent. Noble Clark was born in Newark, N. J., May 14, 1864, and attended the public schools of that city, graduating from the high school. He is married to Marietta Hay of South Norwalk. Their home is in that city at 16 Quintard Avenue, South Norwalk.

WILLIAM F. BISHOP

A York Rite Mason of New Haven, was admitted to the ranks of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with enrollment 2248. His Masonic degrees were conferred by Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Bishop's birthplace was New Haven, Conn., and the date, August 15, 1867. He attended the public schools in his native city. His parents, Joseph R. Bishop of Madison, and Laura A. Baldwin Bishop of New Haven, are of the Congregational affiliation, while he is a Methodist. Noble Bishop was married October 26, 1895, to Anna B. Way of New Haven. Their two daughters are: Ellene W. and Elsie May. Fishing is his favorite diversion. From 1885 he has been connected with the David H. Clark Company, and was appointed its treasurer in 1904. His business address is 166 Brewery Street, New Haven, and he resides in East Haven.

DR. FREDERICK HINDSLEY

Of Bridgeport, was born in the City of New Haven, on May 25, 1858. His father was George J. Hindsley, and his mother is Martha E. Bigelow Hindsley. His former wife, now deceased, was Ida H. Alling of New Haven, and his present wife was Elizabeth C. McMartin of New York. Their religious affiliations are Episcopal, and politically, he is an Independent. His profession is that of a dentist. He is a member of the Bridgeport Dental Society and the Horace Wells Dental Society; is ex-president of the Connecticut State Dental Association, and a member of the Sea Side Club, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

In addition to his enrollment, No. 744 in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, which dates from October 26, 1891, he holds earlier membership in the following Masonic bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13, which he served as high priest; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°.

FREDERICK S. BLACKBURN

Raised in Masonry, in Union Lodge No. 40, A F. & A. M.; is past high priest in Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; a member of Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and past eminent commander in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; was admitted to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, with enrollment 1624. He served his town as councilman, and was two terms on the Board of Aldermen. New York City was the place of his birth, and the date, February 3, 1850. He attained an education in the public schools of that city, and Brooklyn. His parents both of English birth, were Robert D. and Lauretta Best Blackburn. He has been twice married, his present wife being Sarah E. Hamilton Blackburn, and their lives were united in the bonds of matrimony on January 11, 1882. They have five children: John R., Eleanor F., Julia L., Fredrick J. and Arthur H. The children of his first marriage to Ida May Lodge of Little Falls, N. Y., are: Kittie Iola, born April 7, 1876, and Ida Lodge, December 28, 1879. Noble Blackburn's upbringing was in the Episcopal faith. He resides at 72 Elm Street, Danbury.

CHARLES A. PAUL

Entered the Mystic Shrine via Pyramid Temple, December 10, 1901, the number of his enrollment being 1495. He is affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also connected with Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, of the Odd Fellows; is high priest of Bridgeport Encampment, and a member of the Sea Side, Algonquin, and Bridgeport Yacht Clubs. For the past seventeen years from 1894, he has been manager of the Bridgeport Division of the U. I. U. Company, manufacturers of electric light power, and for ten years prior to that was employed by the same company.

Noble Paul was born in Bridgeport, Conn., November 30, 1886, and received an education in the public and private schools of that city. His wife was Grace M. Mills, daughter of L. H. Mills of Bridgeport. Their one child, a son, is Lucius C. They are Presbyterians, and he was brought up in that faith. His political views are Independent. He resides at 965 Fairfield Avenue, and his business address is 148 John Street, Bridgeport.

HARRY S. PEARSONS

Past Arab in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was born on board an American ship, "Star of Hope," on the Atlantic Ocean, July 21, 1860. His father, Henry Pearsons, is a Belgian by birth, and his mother, Sarah Wentworth Pearsons, was born in Thomaston, Me. After studying in public and private schools of America, he spent six years in Europe, in the study of languages. He was married December 22, 1880, to Mary E. Mitchell, daughter of Alphias Mitchell of Lewiston, Me. Their two daughters are: Florence and Celia. The former is now the wife of A. W. Lockwood of Riverside, Conn. Noble Pearsons holds to Episcopal doctrines and his parents are also of that persuasion. He received the York Rite degrees of Masonry in the Bridgeport bodies, having been knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He has served as high priest in Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13, and is serving as captain of the host in the Grand Chapter. Through the medium of his commandery, he entered Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, becoming a noble therein on April 30, 1901, with enrollment 1453. He is also a member of the Sea Side, Brooklawn Country and the Sea Side Gun Clubs, and for the past seven years has been secretary of the Bridgeport Malleable Iron Company of 79 South Avenue, prior to which he served that company twenty years as assistant secretary. His residence is in Bridgeport, at 210 Laurel Avenue.

ERNEST C. HAIRLAND

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of November 20, 1911. He has Masonic connections with Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 38; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., of Stamford, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He is also a member of the South Norwalk Club, and the Norwalk Country Club. On September 7, 1868, Noble Hairland was born in Bridgeport, Conn., and he was there educated in public and private schools, taking a special business course at the Union Business College. His parents were Isaac and Mary Thorp Hairland, the former native of Ridgefield, and the latter of Easton. He was married in New Haven, June 30, 1908, to Louise Stevenson of that city. For the past five years he has been a salesman for the Old Well Cigar Company, and four years prior to that, was in the hotel business. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and resides at 49 Bay View Avenue, South Norwalk.

HOMER CLAYTON GODFREY

Reached Pyramid's portals on December 27, 1899, and was there enrolled as No. 1326, after having received the templar orders in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He first saw Masonic Light in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., and was exalted in Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13. He is also a member of Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters. On March 31, 1867, Noble Godfrey was born in Westport, Conn. His father is Martin Godfrey, and Martha A. Fairchild Godfrey was his mother. He received his elementary tuition in the public schools of his native town, later attending Easton Academy. His marriage to Evelyn M. Bradley, daugher of the late Edward Bradley of Bridgeport, was celebrated in St. John's Church of Bridgeport, on January 29, 1889. Since 1888 he has been connected with the Silliman and Godfrey Company of 1119 Broad Street, Bridgeport, and for the past ten years has been that company's vice-president and treasurer. He is also interested in the varnish business of the D. B. Crockett Company, having been its president since 1909, and for the past twenty-five years in asphalt, pavements, and the laying of same, likewise wood, blocks, and bricks. Automobiling is his favorite form of recreation, and he is a member of the Algonquin, Sea Side, and New York Athletic Clubs. He is fond of reading articles pertaining to nature, and the works of Mark Twain. In politics, Noble Godfrey is a Republican, and in religion, an Episcopalian. He resides at 1546 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport.

EDWARDS M. SMITH, M. D.

Past alchemist in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of which he became a member on April 25, 1904, with enrollment number 1773, is Masonically connected with Hiram Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Hiram Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, which he served as principal sojourner; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Sea Side Club, and of the Bridgeport Yacht Club.

General medical and surgical practice has claimed his attention since 1882, and under the firm name of Charles C. Godfrey and E. M. Smith, since 1900. Noble Smith was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., January 19, 1861, receiving an education in the public and private schools of his native place, and in Columbia College. His father, the late James Smith of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was of Scottish parentage, and his mother was Frances Edwards of Newburg, N. Y. He was married in Danbury, Conn., March 16, 1887, to Grace D. Raymond of Danbury, daughter of William W. and Susan Dibble Raymond. Their religious affiliations are Episcopal, and he was brought up in that faith. He enjoys autoing, baseball, and all outdoor sports. His business offices are at 340 State Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 867 Park Avenue, same city.

WILLIAM PATERSON

A 32° Mason, contractor and builder in New Haven, entered the Mystic Shrine through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on April 25, 1904, his membership therein being 1751. He was previously entered, passed and raised in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S M.; knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; and received his Scottish Rite degrees from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also affiliated with the Knights Templar, New Haven Caledonian, and Union League Clubs, all of New Haven, and with the Order of Elks in New Haven. Noble Paterson was born in Aberlady, Scotland, April 23, 1868, the son of Andrew Paterson, who was of same nativity, and Mary Hunter Paterson, also of Scottish origin, her birthplace being Dumfries. Noble Paterson was married to Mary Scott of Aberlady, in October, 1896. They have two children: Andrew Scott, and David William. Their residence is at 22 Burton Street, New Haven, and he conducts his own business at 47 Orange Street.

FRIEND WILLIAM SMITH, JR.

A 32° Mason, and an Arab in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was created a noble in that illustrious body on December 1, 1903, and was therein enrolled as 1712. Masonically, he is affiliated with both York and Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport.

Noble Smith was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on December 20, 1854. He graduated in 1874 from the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, and entering Yale University in the class of 1878, he left same in his senior year, and went to Washington, D. C., to make a special study of patent law, later graduating from the Yale Law School. Since 1877 he has devoted himself exclusively to the practice of patent law. His father is Friend William Smith, Sr., born in Kartright, N. Y., in 1829, and his mother, Angelina A. Weed Smith, both Episcopalians. On November 12, 1884, his marriage to Harriett Knowlton, daughter of Jonathan and Sophia Todd Knowlton, of Tarrytown, N. Y., was celebrated in that place. They have three children Sophia Knowlton, born March 1, 1886; Julia Wilcox, December 19, 1888, and Friend William, 3d, August 11, 1902. Fishing and golf are his favorite pastimes, and he holds membership in the Bridgeport Yacht and Brooklawn Country Clubs, also in the Graduates' Club of New Haven.

His business office is in Bridgeport, at 136 Fairfield Avenue, and he resides at 894 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport.

JASON P. THOMSON

Entered the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple No. 8, on May 25, 1901, with membership No. 708. His Masonic connections are with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M. which he served as high priest; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., which he is serving as guard. He is an ex-member, and one of the organizers of the Knights Templar, Young Men's Republican, and Union League Clubs of New Haven. Since 1884, he has been engaged in the practice of general law, and in 1887, took up the probate practice. Later, he was connected with the State Court, and is now exclusively employed in the United States Court. Noble Thomson is a direct descendant of Anthony Thomson, one of the original thirteen settlers in New Haven Colony. He is a member of the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard, under Veteran reorganization in 1892; was historian of same, and has received many letters of appreciation from President Harrison, United States Senator Platt, Congressman N. D. Sperry, and other men of national fame. Noble Thomson was born in New Haven, Conn., December 28, 1853, and received an education in public and private schools of his native city. He graduated from the Yale Law School in 1884. His father was Edgar Thomson of Ulster County, N. Y., and his mother, Elizabeth Shelley Thomson, was a native of Guilford. He was united in marriage with Margaret D. Deston of New Haven, in New York City, September 2, 1892. They have three children: Leroy, Gertrude, and Jason. Noble Thomson finds special enjoyment in traveling over the western plains, and his reading is chiefly along political and historical lines. He resides at 1609 Chapel Street, New Haven.

ALBERT WILLIAM NICHOLLS

On November 20, 1911, was enrolled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., his Shrine diploma number being 203,429. He was raised in Masonry in Hespesia Lodge No. 411, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, Ill.; advanced and exalted in Butler Chapter No. 38, R. A. M., of South Norwalk, and knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in Norwalk. He also holds membership in the O. E. S., being worthy patron of Ophia Chapter No. 52, R. A. M., of South Norwalk. Noble Nicholls was born in Cleveland, O., November 5, 1874, receiving a public school education in New York, later taking an advanced course of study in Oberlin's College at Oberlin, O. His parents are Mark M. Nicholls of English birth, and Elizabeth J. Nicholls. He was married in New York, on January 22, 1896, to Susan Todd Keeler of that place. They have four children: Edith S., Albert W., Jr., Maurice Adrian and Ocelia Elizabeth. His religious affiliations, like those of his parents, are Methodist. Fishing is his favorite sport. Prior to his present business connection as president and treasurer of the Liberty Manufacturing Company, which he organized in 1904, he was manager of the Chicago Tubing and Braiding Company, and served that company from 1902 to 1904. His business address is 214 East Avenue, East Norwalk, while his residence is 21 Edlie Avenue, same city.

FRED B. DALTON

For the past quarter century connected with the Danbury News, and for a number of years past its advertising manager, was raised to the dignity of a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on November 27, 1905, his enrollment number being 1910. He had previously taken his Masonic degrees as follows: In Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar.

He is also a member of the Danbury Club, having served as secretary since its organization. Noble Dalton was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt, July 31, 1869, and received an education in the public schools of that place, which was followed by a course in the St. Johnsbury Academy. His parents were F. J. and Marietta W. Flint Dalton, the former, native of Colebrook, N. H., and the latter, of St. Johnsbury. He was married in Norwalk, November 15, 1898, to Florence G., daughter of H. B. and Caroline Corbin Wigham, of that place.

Noble Dalton resides at 6 Hillside Place, Danbury. Autoing is his favorite pastime.

THOMAS E. HOWARD

First saw Masonic light in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; is also member of Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; of Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.; and was dubbed and created a knight in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., being a member of its quartette. Through the medium of his commandery, he was admitted to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, his enrollment therein being 1671. He is, likewise, a member of Progressive Lodge of the Odd Fellows in Danbury, and of the Danbury Club. Noble Howard was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 8, 1863, and there received an education, graduating from high school in 1880. His father was Edward Howard, native of New York, and his mother is Almira Mallaird Howard, also of New York nativity. He was married on December 15, 1886, to Sarah Alice Evans of Bethel, Conn., daughter of John and Eliza McCorkell Evans. They have one son, Edward M., born September 28, 1898. Noble Howard is a Congregationalist, in which faith he was bred. Hunting and fishing are his favorite outdoor sports, and in reading he prefers science. His business is that of hat salesman for A. B. Tweedy and Company, their factory being located in Danbury, on River Street. He resides at 404 Main Street, Danbury.

EDWARD B. MUNSON

Entered the ranks of the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 25, 1891, and was therein enrolled 710. He received the Masonic York Rite degrees in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the New Haven A. A. S. R. bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club, votes the Republican ticket, and having been elected, served his city as councilman in 1883. Noble Munson is president of the Munson Factory and Power Company, also of the Best Manufacturing Company, and since 1875, of the Munson Folding Box Company. He was born in the "City of Elms," June 12, 1854, graduating from the high school in 1870. Noble Munson was the son of Edwin B. and Amelia Sperry Munson, both natives of Woodbridge. His marriage on February 24, 1879, to Josephine Etta Leavenworth of New Haven, took place in that city. They have five children: Grace Amelia, Maud Josephine, Harvey Benjamin, Ethel May, and Thornton Sperry. They are attendants at the Congregational Church. Baseball has an interest for him, as a pastime. In reading, he especially enjoys history and biography. His business address is 385 Clinton Street, New Haven, and he resides at 128 Livingston Street, same city.

SAMUEL W. GLEDHILL

Entered the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, on November 26, 1894, having been enrolled 1038. His York Rite degrees in Masonry were received from St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and his degrees of the Scottish Rite were conferred by the Bridgeport bodies, including Lafayette Consistory. He is also a member of the Sea Side Club. Noble Gledhill was born in the town of Cornwall, Conn., October 7, 1847, receiving his early education in that place. Alice Watrous of Chester became his wife on June 19, 1871, their lives having been united in marriage in her home town. They have two children: William H. and Cora A., and are believers in Methodism. For about forty years of his life he has been engaged in the paper, paper stock and machinery business, which is located at 421 Water Street, Bridgeport, and his home is at 901 State Street, same city.

JOHN B. FREYSINGER

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on February 13, 1906, holds membership 1904, in that illustrious body. He has Masonic affiliations in Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master, having been entered, passed and raised April 22, 1901; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., being a royal arch captain; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is district deputy of the Fourth Masonic District of Connecticut, and the founder and organizer of Palestine Lodge No. 67, of the Order of the Eastern Star, for two years having held the office of worthy patron. He is also connected with Frederick Hecker Lodge No. 440, of New Haven, having passed through all its chairs, and being *oberbarde* of same. Noble Freysinger is a native of New Haven, Conn., the date of his birth being January 16, 1873. He was educated in the New Haven public schools, and privately tutored by professors from Yale and Sheffield Scientific School. He was the son of John B. and Katherine Rosinus Freysinger, the former of Bingen-on-the-Rhine, and the latter of Landstuhl, Bavaria, Ger. He was united in marriage with Lulu Bassermann of New Haven, in that city, on September 18, 1894. He attends the Congregational Church, and his favorite pastime is gymnastic and athletic exercise, and in reading he also finds enjoyment in standard scientific and German literature. Noble Freysinger has been a draughtsman and contractor for nearly a quarter of a century, and since 1905 has filled the post of chief draughtsman for the Winchester Repeating Arms and Rifle Company of New Haven. He also resides in New Haven, at 550 Dixwell Avenue.

JOSEPH FRANKLIN TEREW

Of Shelton, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 22, 1892, his membership in that body being 875. He is past master in King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest in Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3 and deputy illustrious master in Union Council No. 31, R. & S. M.; was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, and is affiliated with the several Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory, of which he is a member, and from which he received his 32°. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, in Mohegan Council, Derby; of the Loyal Association in Shelton; the Improved Order of Heptasophs in Derby; the Modern Woodmen of America, and of the Derby and Shelton Board of Trade.

His political affiliations are with the Republican Party. He has served as burgess and warden of the town of Shelton, also as deputy judge of the town court in Huntington, having been so appointed in 1906. His business is that of contractor and piano tuner for the Huntington Piano Company, having filled that position during the past thirty-two years.

Noble Terew was born in Bridgeport, Conn., July 4, 1859, receiving an education in the public schools of his native city. His parents are Joseph and Louisa Sturdevant Terew, the former a native of Montreal, Can., and the latter, of Pembroke, Mass. He was married in Derby, in 1881, to Madelia Clancy of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Fishing is his favorite pastime. His business address is 415-425 Howe Avenue, Shelton, and his home is at 26 Elm Street.

A. L. PIERCE

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, with enrollment No. 1680, was duly qualified as a Mason through connections with Compass Lodge No. 9, A. F. & A. M.; Lockwod Chapter No. 48, R. A. M., both in Wallingford; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, both in Meriden. He was also high priest of Keystone Chapter No. 27, of Meriden, three years. His Scottish Rite degrees were received from the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bidgeport, in which he was made a 32° Mason. He is junior warden of Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; and master of ceremonies in the Lodge of Deliberation of Connecticut. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, and as a clubman holds membership in Wallingford Club and on the House Committee. Noble Pierce was born May 21, 1868, in Barrington, N. H., and acquired an education in the common schools of New Hampshire, later attending the Bryant and Stratton School and the American School of Armour, Institute of Technology, where he specialized in commercial electrical engineering. His parents were Curtis H. and Charlotte A. Hill Pierce, both of Barrington. He was married in Boston, Mass., in 1889, to Ella F. Field, daughter of Asa and Etta Chenney Field. They have two children: Nickola C., born in Woonsocket, R. I., May 3, 1890, and Ivan H., born in 1896, in Franklin, Mass. Although bred a Congregationalist, he has espoused the Baptist faith, and Mrs. Pierce is a member of the Congregational Church. Since November 1, 1899, he has been manager, superintendent and electrical engineer of the Borough Electrical Works, previous to which he was employed by the Union Electric Light Company as superintendent, from 1889 to 1894. His first experience was gained while serving an apprenticeship with the Thomson-Houston Electric Company. His business address is the Borough Electric Works, Wallingford, in which city he also resides, at 65 South Elm Street.

CARLOS F. STODDARD

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 8, 1911, and therein enrolled 2348, with rank of noble, has had his Masonic degrees conferred by Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; his A. A. S. R. degrees by the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is a member of the Quinnipiack Club, also of the New Haven Country and New Haven Lawn Clubs, and the Madison Country Club. Noble Stoddard was born in New Haven, Conn., July 10, 1879, and was educated in private institutions of St. Paul and Andover Academy. His parents are Ezekiel Gilbert and Mary DeForest Burlock Stoddard, the former of Seymour, and the latter of New York City. He was married in New York, March 3, 1903, to Sandol Milliken of Memphis, Tenn., and they have three children: Carlos F., Jr., Mary Stewart DeForest, and Ezekiel Gilbert. They are attendants at the Episcopal Church. Golf and baseball are his favorite sports. From 1900 he has been in the wholesale grocery business, and since 1903, junior member of the firm of Stoddard, Gilbert and Company, at 41-55 Minor Street, New Haven. He resides at 412 Orange Street, New Haven.

CHARLES B. WARE

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason, entered the Mystic Shrine by way of Pyramid Tempe, A. A. O. N. M. S., where on June 25, 1886, he was enrolled as 170, also representing that body in the Supreme Council. He holds membership in Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M.; Union Chapter No. 6, R. A. M.; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M.; is a past commander in Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., and past grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut. His A. A. S. R. bodies are King Solomon's Lodge of Perfection; Van Rensselaer Council of Princes of Jerusalem; Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix, and Norwich Consistory. He is also a past grand master of the I. O. O. F., and colonel of the Patriarchs Militant in their Connecticut Grand Lodge. Noble Ware was born in Worcester, Mass., April 13, 1850, receiving an education in the public schools of Norwich, Conn. His parents were Charles M. Ware of Franklin, Mass., and Martha Sheldon Ware, by birth a Rhode Islander. In Brooklyn, N. Y., he was married to Marion Wheeler, daughter of Charles L. and Adeline Gariel Sage of that city. They have two children, Albert P. and Marion W. Noble Ware is affiliated with the Episcopal Church, holding office of vestryman. His business career began in New London, where for thirty-three years he was owner of the clothing-made-to-order, gents' furnishing and government supply establishment of C. B. Ware & Company. He is now treasurer of The Bronson and Robinson Company, of 133 Sheldon Street, Hartford. His residence is also in Hartford, at 16 Vernon Street. His military connections commenced when he became a charter member of Company I, 3d Regiment Connecticut Guard, captained by his son during the Spanish War. For fifteen years he has served upon the staff of the major of 2d Company, Governor's Foot Guard of New Haven, now remaining on the retired list of this command.

CHARLES NOAH WOOD

Whose enrollment in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on January 23, 1888, was No. 297, had previously given his allegiance in Masonry to St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, in which he was commander for two years. In 1893, he was appointed representative from the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, and on February 18, 1896, to Alabama, having been appointed captain general.

He is city and town engineer of Norwalk, having held that post since January 1, 1881. He has also been a qualified civil engineer since 1867.

Norwalk, Conn., was the place of his birth, on September 28, 1847, and it was there he received his schooling. His father, Noah Wood, native of Danbury, passed away in December, 1909, and his mother was Eliza J. Gorham Wood of Redding. Noble Wood is a widower, his wife's demise having occurred July 18, 1907. She was Lucretia T. Howes, daughter of James T. and Ann Fuller Howes of Willimantic, to whom he was married, February 15, 1871. His two children, James N., and Vera M., were born, respectively, on September 5, 1873, and January 9, 1878. His religious affiliations are Episcopal and Congregational, having been brought up in the faith of the latter. As pastimes he greatly enjoys hunting and fishing, also historical and scientific reading. His business address and residence are both at 91 East Avenue, Norwalk.

MINOTT CHARLES BRADLEY

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, holds Masonic connection with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., of which he has been guard for the past three years. He is, likewise, a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Bradley was born in Cheshire, Conn., October 26, 1877, and there received an education. His father was Charles B. Bradley of Cheshire, and his mother is Cornelia (Ives) Bradley, native of Wallingford. He was married in Ansonia, October 12, 1904, to Anna C. Gandle of that town, and they have two children, Miriam C. and Mildred J. They are attendants at the Episcopal Church. He was fourteen years proprietor of a restaurant, and for the past three years has been in the express business at 217 State Street, New Haven. He resides at 96 Thompson Avenue, East Haven.

LEWIS BEERS CURTIS

Past ceremonial master in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, held that office in 1907, having been ennobled in that illustrious body, April 9, 1906, with membership No. 1869. His Masonic affiliations are with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is president of the Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution, a member of the Bridgeport Yacht Club, also of the Sea Side, Algonquin and Union League Clubs of New Haven, and the Brooklawn Country Club, the Contemporary, and New York Yacht Clubs. Noble Curtis was born in New York City, June 30, 1863. He received an education in New Haven, graduating from the Hopkins Grammar School in 1881, and later from the Yale Business College. He was the son of Lewis Agar and Emma S. Steele Curtis, both natives of New York State. His marriage to Alice M. Beardsley took place in Trumbull, Conn., November 17, 1888. They have one daughter, Alice Beardsley. Noble Curtis favors autoing as a means of recreation, and in reading, chiefly enjoys history and fiction. In politics he votes the Republican ticket. From 1887 to 1910 he was vice-president of the Curtis & Curtis Company, but on the demise of his brother, who had been the senior partner, he succeeded to the presidency and treasurership of that company, on August 9, 1909. His business address is at the corner of Garden Street and Railroad Avenue, Bridgeport. His residence is also in Bridgeport, at "Waldmere."

ANGUS HOWARD MACKENZIE

Potentate of Pyramid Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, in 1911, was inducted into the nobility of that illustrious body on April 10, 1900, the order of his enrollment being 1426. His Masonic degrees, previously taken, were with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, which he served as captain general; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, having served as thrice potent master for the past three years; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also connected with the Elks, and the Red Men; was president of the Algonquin Club during 1910, and favors the Republican Party. Illustrious Potentate MacKenzie was born in Lowell, Mass., April 11, 1865, receiving an education in the public schools of his native city. His mercantile career dates from 1897, when he became a partner in the firm of MacKenzie Bros., doing a general market business at 47 Bank Street, Bridgeport. His residence is also in Bridgeport, on Clinton Avenue.

CHARLES H. PEIX, JR.

Entered the ranks of Pyramid Temple, as a noble, on April 27, 1899, with enrollment number 1326. In Masonry he is affiliated with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a senior deacon; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and is serving as general in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Danbury Lodge No. 120, of the Elks, and Danbury Club claims him as a member.

Noble Peix was born in Danbury, Conn., on June 4, 1874, the son of Charles H. and Rosene Wartburg Peix, both of whom are living in Danbury. He attended the public schools in the town of his birth, taking a Yale preparatory course at Williston Academy. He graduated from Yale University in 1898, and then added a supplemental course in the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was married June 7, 1899, to Louise Battersby, daughter of James Battersby of New Haven, the marriage ceremony having been performed in her home city. They have two sons: Jack B., and Charles H., 3d, born July 18, 1901, and October 20, 1907, respectively. Noble Peix and family attend the Congregational Church. He is fond of outdoor sports, and also greatly enjoys reading, as a relaxation from business.

He is a stanch Republican, and was elected mayor of Danbury, 1901-02. He also held the office of county commissioner from 1902 to 1908. Hat manufacturing has claimed his attention since 1907. His business address is Maiden Lane, Danbury, and he also resides in Danbury, at 82 Deer Hill Avenue.

WELLS HARRIS

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, with prerequisite Masonic membership in Binghampton Lodge No. 177, of New York; Never Sink Chapter No. 186, R. A. M., Port Jervis, N. Y.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., of New Haven, and Delaware Commandery No. 44, K. T., also of Port Jervis. He is, too, a member of the Elks, in Lodge No. 644 of Port Jarvis, likewise of the Royal Arcanum, in Council No. 140 of Susquehanna, Pa., and has enrollment in the Knights Templar Club. A native of Pennsylvania, born on January 17, 1859, and educated in Susquehanna County, that State, he was the son of Elliott and Hannah Warner Harris, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Susquehanna City, and the latter of Monroe County. Noble Harris has three children: Olive Barber, Claribel H., and Jack Elliott, also Marguerite and Ray Wells, who have passed away. He is of the Methodist persuasion, which is also his by inheritance, and his favorite pastime is fishing. Since 1905 he has served in the capacity of general foreman in the car repairing department of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad in New Haven, prior to which, from March 19, 1881, he occupied a like position with the Erie Railroad. He resides at No. 3 Lamberton Street, New Haven.

GEORGE H. N. JOHNSON

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 26, 1894, with enrollment 1039. In Freemasonry, he was raised at a special communication of Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., on the celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary, in 1893. He was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., and took the council degrees in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., in 1893. He was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in 1894, which he served as eminent commander in 1905. He has held several minor offices in the Bridgeport Scottish Rite bodies, of which he is a member, and was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory in 1895. Sir Knight Johnson was appointed grand captain of the guard of the Connecticut Grand Commandery, in 1905, and was afterward advanced to grand junior warden. He holds membership in the University, Brooklawn Country, and Highland Clubs, and organized one of the largest sporting clubs of the country, in the Adirondacks, the Adirondack League Club, Adirondack Club, and the "Metabatchouan" of Canada. He retired from business life, on January 1, 1909, having been a member of the coach building firm of Hincks and Johnson, for nearly forty years, and previously held other responsible positions with prominent firms in that line. Noble Johnson was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 8, 1844, and received his education in the Bridgeport and New York City schools, and Columbia University. His parents were William S. and Ann E. Nichols Johnson, the former of New York City, and the latter of Bridgeport. In April, 1868, he was married in New York, to Mary E. Webster of that city, and they have two children: Annie W. and Mary W., wife of Dr. T. L. Ellis. Noble Johnson is an Episcopalian and vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church, Bridgeport. His residence is also in Bridgeport, at 375 Stratford Avenue.

EDWARD HOLDEN BLAIR, M. D.

Inducted into the mysteries of Pyramid Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, on December 10, 1901, and therein ennobled as No. 1467, bears Masonic allegiance to George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., and Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., all of Ansonia, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His A. A. S. R. degrees were conferred by Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection; Hartford Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Cyrus Goodell Chapter of Rose Croix, of Hartford; and Connecticut Consistory, 32°, of Norwich. He holds membership in the Delta Delta Chapter of Phi Chi; College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Md.; Connecticut State Medical; Hartford County Medical; and Hartford City Medical Societies; also in the Republican Club of Hartford. He was resident physican at the Connecticut State Prison, from June, 1906, to June, 1907. Noble Blair was born in Ansonia, Conn., January 13, 1879, and acquired an education in the public schools of his native city. Charles Carrington Blair was his father, and his mother is Adeline M. Holden Blair. Noble Blair is unmarried. He is an Episcopalian by adoption, his mother being also of that faith, and his father, a Congregationalist. His four-year medical course was from 1902 to 1906 inclusive, and from 1906 he has practiced in Hartford as a physician and surgeon. Prior to that, for twelve years from 1894, he was a pharmacist. His office address is High Street, corner Church, Hartford.

MOSES H. GLOVER

Of Norwalk, has been engaged in the shoe business for the past twenty-seven years, since 1884. Prior to that his father and he conducted a grocery business for sixteen years, from 1868. He is independent in politics.

His Masonic affiliations are with St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 24, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. Subsequently, and through the medium of the latter, on April 9, 1906, he became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his membership by order of enrollment, being 1958. He is also a member of Our Brothers Lodge of the Odd Fellows.

Noble Glover was born in Norwalk, Conn., July 15, 1847, the son of Henry and Laura Sherwood Glover, both natives of Redding. He received an education in the public schools of his home city, and on June 21, 1879, he was married to May A. Gregory, daughter of Seth K. and Maria Olmstead Gregory of Norwalk.

Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports, and he is a member of the Norwalk Club. His home is at 145 Main Street, and his two stores are located at 40 Wall and 21 Washington Streets, Norwalk.

LEWIS A. MILLER

Builder and contractor in Meriden, since 1910, was for twenty-seven years with the H. Wales Lines Company, also engaged in that business.

He was received through the medium of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., into Pyramid Temple, becoming a Shriner on December 14, 1904, his membership in that body being 1814. His club affiliations are with the Home, Colonial, Meriden Wheel, and Highland Clubs; and his political affiliations with the Republican Party, whose interests he served, and his city, in 1892, as a member of the Council.

He was born June 29, 1866, in Meriden Conn., and there received his schooling. His father is George W. Miller, a New Yorker by birth. October 19, 1892 he was married to Lena Merriam, daughter of Charles B. and May Rice Merriam of Meriden. They are Congregationalists. He is fond of baseball and all outdoor sports. His place of business is 21 Church Street and his home, at 68 Wilcox Avenue, both in Meriden.

JOHN OETZEL

Gained admittance to the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, the order of the nobility having been duly conferred on him on June 6, 1907. His membership card in that body bears number 2101, and he was Masonically qualified through affiliation with the York Rite bodies in Danbury: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.: Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He is also connected with Paugussett Tribe No. 3, of the Red Men, serving as great junior sagamore; also as great senior sagamore for the State of Connecticut, and for a great many years has been keeper of its wampoom.

In 1878 he became connected with the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, and in 1880 as manager of their Danbury branch. His past business connections were in the grocery and coal lines in Bridgeport, and in Newark, N. J. He was born in the latter place on November 23, 1859, his parents having been Tobias and Ludwina Brand Oetzel, both of German birth. He acquired an education in the public and private schools of Newark, afterward taking a special course in White's Business College. Noble Oetzel was married in New York, June 13, 1885, to Hattie, daughter of Edwin Richards of Springfield, Mass. They have three daughters: Rose May, Emmeline Carlista and Edwina.

He is an Episcopalian, fond of outdoor sports, and resides at 30 Foster Street, Danbury, while his business address is 163 Main Street.

JAMES H. PARISH

A 32° Mason of New Haven, and life member in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was received in that illustrious body on December 10, 1896, and enrolled therein 1176, having previously been inducted into the mysteries of the Order, and created a noble in Mecca Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., No. 1, in New York City. He is Masonically affiliated with Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He also holds membership in the Quinnipiack and Auto Clubs of New Haven.

Noble Parish conducts an investment securities and steamship ticket business at 86 Orange Street, New Haven, having formerly been a manufacturer and banker. He resides in New Haven, at 333 Humphrey Street.

HENRY FENN

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, was received in Pyramid Temple No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., and therein ennobled, May 5, 1890, with enrollment 503. As a Mason, he gives his allegiance to Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., in which he was senior deacon; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and the several bodies of the Scottish Rite in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is also a member of Arcanum Lodge No. 41, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his political preference is for Republicanism in its purity. In 1892 he served his city as councilman. Noble Fenn was born in New York City, July 16, 1854, and was there educated. His parents were Henry and Margaret Haas Fenn, both of German birth and Episcopalians, as is their son. He was married in La Fargeville, N. Y., April 12, 1899, to Emma F. Bott of that place. For the past thirty years he has been engaged in the manufacture of sashes, doors and blinds, the last four years of which, he has operated his factories in Greenwich, and first twenty-six, in Bridgeport. He resides in Bridgeport, at 543 Norman Street.

SAMUEL G. REDSHAW

Of Ansonia, was born in Ansonia, July 27, 1849, the son of John M. and Sarah Gaunt Redshaw, both of English birth. He was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, April 27, 1885, being the 137th member enrolled in that body. He is a 32° Mason, and is affiliated with George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and with the Scottish Rite bodies in New Haven, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also an Odd Fellow in Naugatuck Lodge, Ansonia, in which he is a past noble grand, and past chief patriarch in Hope Encampment; a member of the Heptasophs, in Lodge No. 317, and of the Ansonia Club.

He was twice elected alderman, and was a representative to the Legislature in 1907. His business is that of paper box manufacturing, in which he has been engaged since 1879, having formerly been a tool-maker and machinist. He conducts his business at 130 Canal Street, Ansonia, and his residence is located at 96 North Main Street, same city.

WILLIAM RICHARD EATON

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on March 14, 1906, with enrollment 1944, received his York Rite degrees from Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He has also received all of the Scottish Rite degrees, including the thirty-second, from the local bodies of the A. A. S. R., and is, likewise a member of the Elks, in Lodge No. 36; of the United Commercial Travelers' Association; the Brooklawn Country Club; the Algonquin Club, and the Bridgeport Yacht Club. Noble Eaton was born in New York City, August 20, 1871, and was there educated in public and private schools. His father was Henry E. Eaton of Boston, and his mother is Margaret Durand Eaton, native of New York City. Noble Eaton had charge of the exhibit of the Dutchess Manufacturing Company of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, and since that time has been commercial traveler for that company. He resides at 173 Cottage Street, Bridgeport.

WILLIAM BRITTON BRANT

A York Rite Mason of Stamford, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 14, 1904, with enrollment 1822. His Masonic connections are with Greenwich Lodge No. 467, F. & A. M.; Rittenhouse Chapter No. 11, R. A. M.; Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M., and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He is also affiliated with Excelsior Lodge No. 49, of the Knights of Pythias; with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in Stamford Lodge No. 693; the Mutual Benefit Association for Station and Trainmen, and Huguenot Division No. 561, New Rochelle, Order of Railroad Conductors of America. He entered the employ of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company as brakeman in 1893, and was made conductor in 1908. Noble Brant was born in Rahway, Union County, N. J., April 8, 1874, and was educated in the public schools of New Canaan, Conn. His father is William L. Brant, native of New York, and his mother was Isabella Broadfoot Brant, also native of New York City. He was married in Stamford, October 5, 1904, to Mrs. Marie Wardwell Bruce of that city. He is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and resides at 269 Elm Street, Stamford.

THOMAS B. BENJAMIN

Of Danbury, was born in Danbury, Conn., December 1, 1868. His father was Charles D. Benjamin, a native of Stratford, and his mother is Julia Fairchild Benjamin, originally of Millplain. Since 1901, Noble Benjamin has been one of the proprietors of the Kenner & Benjamin drug business, located at 175 and 297 Main Street, Danbury.

His fraternal affiliations are all in Danbury, and are Masonic, and those of the Shrine. Having been entered, passed and raised in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. A. M., he was advanced and exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons, and received the templar orders in Crusader Commandery, No. 10, K. T. Thus qualified for entrance into Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, he was, on November 27, 1905, admitted to that illustrious body, and therein enrolled as No. 1877.

Autoing and fishing are his favorite pastimes, and he resides at 34 Stevens Street.

WILLIAM HEAMAN STEVENS

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 9, 1907, with enrollment 2180, has Masonic connections with Sidney Lodge No. 801, A. F. & A. M.; Hiram Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., of which he has been secretary from 1905 to 1910; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He was a member of the Bachelor's Club and of Alert Hose Company No. 1, of Norwich, N. Y., and is a progressive Democrat. March 10, 1874, he was born in Mt. Upton, N. Y., and there attended the graded school. His parents were Hezekiah Gregory Stevens and Lustina St. John, both of Mt. Upton. He was married on October 14, 1909, to Pearl F. Parsons of Sandy Hook, Conn., daughter of Charles M. and Nellie Esther Mitchell Parsons. They have one son, Heaman Holbrook, born September 24, 1910. Noble Stevens is a Methodist, as were his parents, while Mrs. Stevens is an Episcopalian. Baseball is his favorite sport. In 1903 he was appointed superintendent of the plant of Borden's Condensed Milk Company, in Newtown, Conn., having previously filled various positions with that company, from 1890 to 1903. His residence is in Sandy Hook.

AUGUSTUS H. BULLARD

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, and honorary member of the Arab Patrol of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was received in that illustrious Shrine body on April 22, 1897, and therein enrolled as No. 1216. His Masonic affiliations are with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is also a member of the Algonquin and Brooklawn City Clubs.

PHINEAS T. IVES

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 30, 1891, with enrollment 1446, bears Masonic allegiance to Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; King Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. Noble Ives was born in Yalesville, Conn. For the past twenty-two years he has been a jeweler in Meriden, at 6 Colony Street, his residence being 133 Miller Street, same city.

HARRISON B. TOLLES

Manufacturer of soda water and temperance drinks, for twenty-six years, having begun in 1873 and retired in 1899, was born at Pines Bridge, Conn., August 28, 1845, and educated in the public schools of Naugatuck and Wilbraham Academy. His parents were Isaac B. and Maria Buckingham Tolles, the former native of Bethany, and the latter of Middlebury. He was married in Meriden, October 4, 1868, to Alice Tuttle of Beacon Falls. They have one son, Burton L., who is now a practicing physician. Noble Tolles was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 26, 1892, with enrollment 852. He first saw Masonic Light in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; received his capitular degrees in Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R A. M.; was admitted to the ninth arch in Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Hunting, fishing and the reading of current literature, are his favorite diversions. He resides at 19 William Street, Ansonia.

HAROLD HERVEY FLETCHER

Born October 5, 1881, in Springfield, Mass., he graduated as a civil engineer from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in 1902. His parents are Herbert Hervey and Alice Kellogg Fletcher. He has been assistant engineer for the Boston and Albany Railroad Company since January 1, 1908, having been previously employed from the time of his graduation, by the Baltimore and Ohio, and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroads.

His Masonic membership includes the four Danbury York Rite and the four Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport as follows: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. On February 28, 1907, he was enrolled a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his membership number being 2046. He is also a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and his favorite recreations are tramping and music. He resides at 5 Winchester Street, Brookline, Mass.

HENRY FRESENIUS

Became a Shriner in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on September 23, 1889, with enrollment 417. His York Rite Masonic affiliations are with Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M., of which he is past master; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., being past most excellent high priest; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., past thrice illustrious master, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., in which he served four years as standard bearer. He has also received the several degrees of the Scottish Rite from the New Haven bodies, and was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Consistory. He is also connected with the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs of New Haven, likewise, with the Union League and Quinnipiack Clubs of New Haven, and is a member of Lodge No. 78 of the I. O. O. F.; Elks Lodge No. 25; of the Eagles, in Lodge No. 242, and of Second Company of the Governor's Foot Guard. In politics a Democrat, he has served as city treasurer of New Haven, since 1899. Noble Fresenius is of German extraction and was born in New Haven, Conn., September 24, 1863. His parents were Philip and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Fresenius. He graduated from the New Haven high school in 1881, and from Yale University in 1885. He was married in Hartford, on October 24, 1894, to Bertha E. A. Conrad of that place. They have four children: Elizabeth Henrietta, Margaret Alvinia, Gertrude Caroline, and Henry Conrad. His religious belief is Episcopal. He has been a director of the Tradesmen's National Bank since 1899; is proprietor of the Philip Fresenius Sons' Brewing Company, at 800-820 Congress Avenue, New Haven, and resides at 291 Howard Avenue, New Haven.

ARTHUR V. WAINWRIGHT, M. E.

With the Carolina Power and Light Company, Raleigh, N. C., and previously connected with the United Gas Improvement Company of Philadelphia; the Susquehanna Railway Light and Power Company of New York; the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company, and the Connecticut Company, was born in Farmingdale, N. J., in 1875, graduating from the Stevens Institute in Hoboken, N. J., in 1898. His parents are Halstead H. and Belle V. Nesbit of Farmingdale, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married in Philadelphia, Penn., June 28, 1910, to Millicent Jessel of New York, daughter of Benjamin A. and Kate Joseph Jessel, both natives of London, England. Noble and Mrs. Wainright are also attendants at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

His Masonic affiliations are with Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; Butler R. A. Chapter No. 38; Washington Council No. 6, of Royal and Select Masters, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the four bodies of the Scottish Rite in Bridgeport, namely, DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. The Chi Phi Fraternity also claims his membership, and he is past third vice-president of the National Commercial Gas Association.

He resides in Raleigh, N. C., at 105 Polk Street.

WILLIAM H. BEERS

A 32° Mason of Waterbury, received in Pyramid Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, on December 28, 1893, and enrolled therein No. 965, is Masonically affiliated with Federal Lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M., of Watertown, where he is a past master; Meridian Chapter No. 15, R. A. M.; Tyrian Council No. 31, R. & S. M., both of Winsted; Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., of Waterbury; Waterbury Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council of Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, likewise, connected with Columbia Lodge No. 12, of the Knights of Pythias in Watertown, and is a member of the Waterbury Club. Noble Beers was born in New Canaan, Conn., February 24, 1854, and attended the public schools in Waterbury and Winsted, graduating from high school in 1868. He was the son of Amos S. Beers, native of Lewisboro, Westchester Co., N. Y., and Susan Olmstead Beers of New Canaan. His marriage to Martha J. Peck of Winsted, took place in that city, September 14, 1881. They have four children: William H., Fred H., Helen P., and Harold A., and in religious thought are Episcopalians. Noble Beers enjoys all outdoor sports, his favorite reading being history. From 1888 to 1901 he was superintendent of the M. Hemmingway & Sons' Silk Company, and since that time has been connected with the Waterbury Paper Box Company, located at 155 South Leonard Street, Waterbury, his home being in Watertown.

REV. EUGENE MELNOTTE GRANT

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on December 9, 1897, with enrollment 1246, has Masonic connections with Mosaic Lodge A. F. & A. M., in Danvers, Mass.; Drummond Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., in Oakland, Me.; Davenport Council No. 5, R. & S. M., in Portsmouth, N. H., and St. Omar Commandery No. 12, K. T. of Waterville Me. He is also a member of Piscataqua Lodge No. 6, of the I. O. O. F., in Portsmouth, N. H., in which he received the scarlet degree. He is, too, a member of the Monday Club, of Boston, Mass., and politically, a Republican. His profession is that of a clergyman in the Universalist faith, and his present location is Wilton, N. H. Noble Grant was born in Auburn, N. Y., August 29, 1847. He is a graduate of St. Lawrence University in the class of 1870, having taken a special course in theology. His parents were Franklin Whitney and Sarah Ann Dias Grant. Noble Grant is a widower. He was married in Little Falls, N. Y., on September 9, 1873, to Emma Elmina Pepper, of that place, daughter of Luke F. and Elmina Murphy Pepper. Four children were born to them, Gertrude Elmina, Justin Frank, Myra Adelaide, and Marion Isabelle. Reverend Grant's address is Bonniecroft, Wilton, N. H.

MARCUS B. HEMINGWAY

No. 1327 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was inducted into its mysteries, on April 28, 1899, his Masonic affilations being in Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & M. S., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Albany, N. Y., was his birthplace, and the date, February 27, 1865. He was the son of Harvey F. and Julia Perkins Hemingway, and was educated in the public schools of New Haven. On March 25, 1894, Minnie A. Doolittle became his wife, the marriage ceremony having been performed in New Haven. They have two daughters, Dorothy and Marjorie. Hunting and autoing are his favorite pastimes. For twenty years he was connected with the Connecticut Adamant Plaster Company, but retired from active business life in 1904. He makes his home at 156 Grand Avenue, New Haven.

JAMES D. JENNINGS

Of Southport, was born in South Norwalk, Conn., May 21, 1856. He received an education in the Selleck School of Norwalk. His parents were Joseph and Abigail J. Denison Jennings, the former of Greens Farms, Conn., and the latter of Lansingburg, N. Y. His wife was Miss Matttie A. Hubble. Noble Jennings was brought up an Episcopalian, and adheres to that faith. He carried on the business of undertaking for nineteen years from 1880, retiring thereafter on account of his health. He is fond of sports in general, especially of sailing, and is devoted to instrumental music. His Masonic connections embrace membership in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M.; Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24, in Norwalk; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., in Stamford, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in Norwalk. Through the medium of his commandery, he was admitted to the Order of the Mystic Shrine, becoming a noble in the Pyramid Temple body, on May 18, 1893, his membership being 924 by order of enrollment.

ALBERT R. MALKIN

A York Rite Mason of Norwalk, was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 5, 1905, and therein enrolled 1832, his Masonic affiliations having been previously made with St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., in which he was senior warden; Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 24, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T. He is also a member of the Norwalk Country Club, the Norwalk Club and the Knob Outing Club. Noble Malkin was born in New Canaan, Conn., April 16, 1860, and there and in Norwalk received a public school education. He was the son of Samuel and Julia M. Raymond Malkin. On September 25, 1883, he was married in Norwalk, to Catherine A. Denton of that city. They have four children: Albert D., Catherine H., Allen Raymond and Ward Gregory. Noble Malkin is of the Episcopal faith. All outdoor sports are enjoyed by him, and in reading his preference is the historical. He conducts his own building and excavating business with headquarters on Mechanic Street, Norwalk, his residence being on Franklin Avenue.

GEORGE GOERING

Ennobled in Pyramid, the Mystic Shrine, on April 30, 1901, and enrolled as 1457, has Masonic connections with Day Spring Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; E'm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°, of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs of New Haven; is a Republican, and in 1883 was elected councilman. Noble Goering was born in Bavaria, Ger., on May 6, 1847, and received an education in the public schools of New York. His parents were Christopher and Mary Myers Goering, both of German nativity. He was married in New York City, to Kate Freedman of Lock Haven, Penn., on January 16, 1870. They have five children: William I., Ida Alice, Frederick J., Harry J., and Ruth Elizabeth. He is a Baptist and an enthusiastic fisherman. For the past forty years he has been in the employ of the Winchester Rifle and Arms Company, and for three years prior to that, with the A. B. Howe Sewing Machine Company of New York. His residence is at 210 Goffe Street, New Haven.

CHARLES J. BROOKS

Made a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, on May 9, 1895, with enrollment 1052, has Masonic affiliations with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Brooks was born in Clinton, Conn., September 25, 1844, and attended the public schools of Guilford. His parents were Julius and Maria L. Brooks, both natives of Clinton. The marriage ceremony uniting his life with that of Mary A. Disbrow, was performed in Westport, her home town, on May 28, 1866. Noble Brooks is an Episcopalian, as were his parents. They have one daughter, Louise C., and their residence is at 22 Maple Street, New Haven.

FRANK THOMPSON

Received the York Rite degrees of Masonry in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and subsequently, through the medium of the latter, entered the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N., of the Mystic Shrine, on December 2, 1902, in which he is by order of enrollment 1557.

Noble Thompson was born in New Haven, Conn., April 19, 1861, and there attained a public school education, which was supplemented by a course in the General Russell Military Academy. His father was Jerah F. Thompson of New Haven, and his mother, Harriet E. Fricker of Somersetshire, Eng. Noble Thompson was married to Louise E. Doolittle of New Haven, on November 8, 1895. He has been engaged in the drug business for the past thirty-four years, since 1877, and his location is at 75 Broadway, New Haven, his residence being at 31 Whalley Avenue, same city.

HENRY H. TODD

Received into the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on November 26, 1894, with enrollment No. 1013, is an A. A. S. R. Mason, with affiliations in Olive Branch Lodge No. 84, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M., in which he is a past principal sojourner; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and in the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of Harmony Lodge No. 5, of the I. O. O. F., and of the Order of United American Mechanics. Since 1895 Noble Todd has been engaged in the manufacture of custom-made corsets and abdominal supporters. He was born in Stamford, Conn., September 2, 1856, and received an education in the public schools of that city. His favorite pastimes are autoing and photography. His business address is 282-284 York Street, New Haven, and his residence, 134 Howe Street, same city.

CHESTER F. TOLLES

A 32° Mason of Ansonia, was born in South Norwalk, Conn., April 20, 1861. His parents were Chester F, and Martha Potter Humiston Tolles, both having been natives of the good old Nutmeg State. He was married in South Norwalk, March 25, 1884, to Elizabeth B. Read of North Castle, N. Y. They have one daughter, Mabel H. By religious affiliation Noble Tolles is a Congregationalist, and was brought up in that faith. His Masonic connections are with George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were received from the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. Through the medium of the latter, he was duly received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1905, and was therein enrolled 1839. For fifteen years, from 1875 until 1890, he was a clothier and hatter salesman in South Norwalk, when at that time, twenty-one years ago, he established his own clothing and hat business under the firm name of C. F. Tolles and Company. His place of business is 174 Main Street, Ansonia, and he makes his abode at 52 State Street.

EDWIN H. BROWN

Of Wallingford, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 23, 1853, the son of Edwin Brown of New York State, and Caroline Winton Brown of New Jersey, both of whom have passed away. He was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Clara Richardson of Brooklyn. They have three children: William Ellis, Mrs. Viola Kelly and Edwin H., Jr. Their religious affiliations are Congregational. He is a member of the Wallingford Club, and is fond of all outdoor sports, especially baseball. Historical reading is preferred by him, also the study of political economy.

His business is that of assistant superintendent for the H. L. Judd Company, having filled that post from April 18, 1881. Prior to that time he was a salesman.

He is a 32° Mason, his home consistory being Lafayette; his commandery, St. Elmo No 9, which he serves as 3d guard; his council, Hamilton No. 22. He is captain of his Royal Arch Chapter, Lockwood No. 48, and senior warden of his blue lodge, Compass No. 9, in Wallingford. On May 13, 1908, he was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment in that body being 2190.

His business address is care of H. L. Judd Company, Wallingford, Conn., and his residence, 42 North Whitney Street, same town.

LEVI J. STURDEVANT

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 2, 1902, through the medium of Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., is therein enrolled as No. 1571. He knocked at the door of Masonry in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., Danbury; was exalted in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23, and admitted to the ninth arch in Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M. Noble Sturdevant was born in Brookfield, Conn., February 28, 1840, and attended the public and private schools in Brookfield, and New Milford. His father was John Sturdevant of Brookfield, and his mother, Sophia Omstead Sturdevant of Long Island, N. Y. He has been twice married: first to Emmeline Sturdevant, the daughter of Elias and Hannah Peck Sturdevant of Brookfield; and his present marriage was to Mary Myers, daughter of Martin and Helen McCarthy Myers of Brookfield. They have three children: Ruth S., born March 17, 1899; Helen S., March 20, 1900, and Marion L., February 5, 1903. He is a Congregationalist; a general reader; is a member of the Grange, and for two and a half years traveled in the West, as a solicitor for fire insurance companies, but since 1870, has been interested in farming and real estate, conducting the latter business in Brookfield. His address is R. F. D. No. 18, Danbury, Conn.

EDWIN M. ALLENDER

On May 5, 1903, was ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with enrollment 1629. He is a member of Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Masonic Club in New Haven, and besides his Masonic connections, is a member of the Elks in Lodge No. 771, and of the Knights of Pythias in Apollo Lodge No. 33, both of Middletown, also of the City Point Yacht Club in New Haven. Noble Allender was born in Glenwood, Ia., on August 27, 1875, and was educated in public and private schools of Iowa, Illinois, and his home city. His parents were John Allender and Annie M. Manwaring. In Branford, Conn., he was married to Virginia Danforth of that town, on June 6, 1905. He is of the Congregational faith, as were his parents. For the past nineteen years he has been in the newspaper business, and is now Connecticut manager of the National News Association, with offices at 70 Center Street, New Haven, his residence also being in that city, at 39 Fifth Street.

WILLIAM B. BENJAMIN

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, and was therein enrolled No. 1643, having previously been affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also an Elk in Danbury Lodge No. 120. Noble Benjamin was born in Danbury, Conn., March 23, 1863, receiving an education in his native town. His father was Charles Benjamin, a native of Stratford, and his mother is Julia Fairchild Benjamin of Danbury. He was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1895, to Elizabeth Garvin of that city, daughter of John and Hannah Croxon Garvin, the former, native of New York, and the latter, of New Jersey. They have one daughter, Marie. His religious affiliations are Congregational, and his home is in Danbury, at 276 Main Street. Since 1895 he has been a member of the firm of F. C. Benjamin and Company, dealers in flour, feed and grain, at 132-136 White Street, Danbury.

EDMUND A. ENDER

Of German extraction, was born April 10, 1852. His parents, Charles J. and Charlotte Ender, both natives of Berlin, removing to America, settled in New Haven, where Noble Ender was educated, and has since made his home. His marriage to Eilzabeth Samsel of Burlington, occurred April 10, 1883. They have one son, Edmund S. For fifteen years he assisted his father in the merchant tailoring business, and since 1885 he has been clerking for Meigs and Company of 93 Church Street, New Haven. His Masonic affiliations are with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., where he is a past master; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1907, and therein enrolled 2147. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., in Relief Lodge No. 86, in New Haven, and of the Order of the Eastern Star, in Excelsior Chapter No. 3, also in New Haven. He resides at 354 Davenport Avenue, same city.

GEORGE T. COTTLE

Chemist for the New York Insulated Wire Company, a post which he has filled from 1889, was born in Dedham, Mass., August 10, 1877. He received his education in the public schools of Boston, graduating from high school in 1893, and from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1898. His father was Henry C. Cottle, native of Boston, Mass.

His first degrees in Masonry were received in Joseph Webb Lodge, A. F. & A M., in Boston. He was advanced in Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27, and was later knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. The several degrees of the Scottish Rite were received in the New Haven bodies, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, which bestowed on him his thirty-second degree, and of which he is a member. His Shrine affiliations are with Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in which he was made a noble on April 9, 1906, with membership number 1979.

He resides at 59 Curtis Avenue, Wallingford.

CHARLES A. HOFFMAN

Of Danbury, was born in High Bridge, N. J., December 9, 1863, the son of Amos C. and Catherine A. Fritts Hoffman, both of New Jersey. On September 22, 1886, he was married in Newark, N. J., to Grace Taylor of Bethel, daughter of Nelson and Emeline Monroe Taylor. Their three children are: Mabel G., born August 9, 1887; Alice M., May 6, 1890, and Clinton M., July 3, 1893. Noble Hoffman is a member of the Danbury Country Club; is fond of outdoor sports; a believer in Republican principles, serving as a representative, 1903-05, and as a senator in 1907, also as a member of the school committee in 1906. He was admitted to Masonry in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; and likewise belongs to Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. Through the medium of the latter, on December 14, 1904, he was enrolled as a member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with membership No. 1786. He is also an Elk. From 1891 he has been proprietor of the cigar factory located at 27 White Street, Danbury, his residence being 25 Granville Avenue, Danbury.

CHARLES P. CONNOLLY

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 30, 1891, where he is enrolled as No. 1449. He is a past master in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; member of Keystone Chapter No 27; thrice illustrious master in Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and a past commander in St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., holding membership in New Haven Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council of Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. Prior to assuming the duties of his present position, he spent ten years in farming in Minnesota and New Hampshire. Noble Connolly was born in Quebec, Can., February 14, 1848, and educated in the United States. His parents were William and Hannah Coff Connolly, both of Scottish birth. He was married in Bridgeport, to Sarah B. Bartlett. At her demise she left one son, Carl Bartlett. His present wife was Ellen A. Sprawenburg of New Hampshire. Their residence is at 110 Wilcox Avenue, Meriden, and his business is that of supervisor of State School for Boys at Meriden, having served in that capacity for over thirty years, since 1877.

RICHARD L. FINNEY

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on January 27, 1890, with enrollment No. 442, and has Masonic connections with St. John's Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Pythagoras Chapter No. 17, R. A. M., which he has served as high priest; Wolcott Council No. 1, R. & S. M.; Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T.; Charter Oak Lodge of Perfection; Hartford Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Cyrus Goodell Chapter of Rose Croix, and Connecticut Sovereign Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of Charter Oak Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., and of the Sandy Bay Club of Rockport, Mass. Noble Finney was born in Windsor, Vt., on August 31, 1848, and attended the public schools of Hartford, Conn. His parents were Lorenzo E. and Hannah E. Hildreth Finney. He was married in Hartford, Conn., on November 28, 1872, to Annie L. Stockbridge of that city. They have two children: May S., and Ethel H. His residence is at Pigeon Cove, Mass.

EZRA W. ELDRIDGE

Noble 2052 of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., entered that body on April 22, 1907. He is affiliated with Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M., Satucket Chapter, R. A. M., and Bay State Commandery, K. T. He also belongs to the Elks of New London, and holds membership in the John Winthrop Club. His mercantile life in the wholesale grocery business, began in Boston in 1893, where he continued until 1899, and entered the retail grocery line in Brockton, there remaining for another period of six years, until 1905, when he acquired an interest in a milling business, also in Brockton. He is now manager of the S. N. Ellis Wholesale Grocery in New London, having accepted that position in 1906. He is the son of Ezra and Vianna C. Ellis, who were both residents of the town of Harwich, Mass., where Noble Eldridge was born, December 16, 1874, and where he received the early part of his education, followed by a commercial course in the Bryant and Stratton Business College of Boston. His wife, to whom he was married in her home town, Everett, Mass., on June 17, 1897, was Pearl B. Cross, native of Everett. They have one daughter, Alice B., and their home is at 56 Vauxhall Street, New London. His business address is 53 Gordon Street, New London.

PHILIP N. BLISS

A 32° Mason, and enrolled in Lafayette Consistory, having been knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar; received and greeted in Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters; exalted in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23, and having first seen Masonic light in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M. Thus Masonically qualified on June 6, 1904, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine was exemplified on him in Pyramid Temple, and he was therein enrolled as No. 1774. Noble Bliss is a retired banker of Danbury, and was born in Danbury, Conn., July 3, 1867, the son of Samuel and Amanda C. Nichols Bliss, the former, native of Springfield, Mass., and the latter, of Danbury. He received an education in private schools of Chicago, later taking a special course in the Harvard School. His favorite pastime is autoing. He is a member of the Danbury Club, and in political matters claims independence. In 1896 he held the position of assistant city clerk, and for several years, from 1899, was engaged in banking in Chicago. He resides in Danbury, at 85 West Street.

EDWARD BEEKMAN BRADLEY

Inducted into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on November 22, 1909, with enrollment 2280, has Masonic connections with George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mount Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. in Mechanics Lodge No. 73, and of the Order of Railway Conductors in Lodge No. 317, and is a Republican. After thirty-five years as a railroad conductor, from 1871 to 1906, he has since retired from active business life. Noble Bradley was born in Newtown, Conn., March 20, 1845, and there attended the common schools. His parents were James W. and Abigail Somers Bradley, the former born in Newtown, in 1815, and the latter in 1812. He was married in Seymour, in November, 1866, to Celestia A. Steele, daughter of John Burton and Emeline Stewart Steele. They have one child, Emma Abby, born July 16, 1867, and are Congregationalists. Their residence is at 100 South Cliff Street, Ansonia.

JESSE A. JAMES

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 14, 1904, with membership 1784, had previously attained his Masonic qualifications in Hiram Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M.; Hiram Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. His present business connection is that of agent for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, in whose employ he has been since August 8, 1892. His political affiliation is with the Democratic Party, and he has served his town as assessor. Noble James was born in New Fairfield, Conn., January 6, 1862, and was educated in the public schools of New Milford and the Westport Academy. His father was Jesse L. James of Danbury, and Julia A. McLean James of Danbury, is his mother. On April 23, 1892, he was married in Brookfield, to Orlean S. Supple, daughter of Henry and Clarina Sturgis Supple of that town. Their three children are: Jesse L., born January 25, 1893; Catherine, July 3, 1895, and Dorothy S., May 14, 1903. He is an Episcopalian, and was reared in that faith. Hunting and fishing are his favorite diversions. Hawleyville is his home town, and Hawley Station, Conn., his business address.

HENRY A. JENNINGS

Became a member of the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 8, 1911, with enrollment 2367, his Masonic allegiance being pledged to St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is a member of the Algonquin, Bridgeport Yacht and Brooklawn Country Clubs. Noble Jennings was born at Greens Farms, Conn., February 25, 1872, and receiving an education in public and private schools of Bridgeport. His parents are Austin and Eliza M. Jennings, both natives of Greens Farms. He was married in Bridgeport, January 19, 1898, to Nellie M. Stickland, at whose demise, on September 22, 1909, was left a son, Erwin S. Yachting is Noble Jennings' favorite recreation. Since 1895 he has been secretary of the Jennings Brothers Manufacturing Company,219 Elm Street, Bridgeport, and previously was a salesman for that company. They are manufacturers of art metal goods and silverware. He resides at 68 Brooklawn Place, Bridgeport.

DAVID E. DAVID

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 29, 1902, and therein enrolled 1508, had previously attained the necessary Masonic qualifications in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. Danbury Club also claims him as a member. Noble David was born in Waterbury, Conn., November 25, 1868. His father is David David, native of Alsace Loraine, Ger., and his mother was Anna Newman David of County Antrim, North of Ireland. He received an education in the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school. He was married on April 20, 1890, to Emily S., daughter of Darius and Maria Terry Selleck of Danbury. They have one child, Helen T., born May 24, 1894. Their religious affiliations are Congregational; his parents also were of that faith. He is a member of the Peix Hat Company of Maiden Lane, Danbury, his connections with them dating from 1907. He resides at 294 Main Street, same city.

MILES P. TUTTLE

A 32° Mason and No. 440 in Pyramid Temple, was initiated into the mysteries of the A. A. O. N. M. S., on June 27, 1890, his York Rite Masonic degrees having been received from Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., in which he is a past commander. His A. A. S. R. degrees came from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He was for many years engaged in the oyster business in New Haven, but retired in 1911. Noble Tuttle was born in the "City of Elms," April 17, 1831, receiving an education in the public schools. His parents were Miles and Mehitable Homer Tuttle, both having been natives of New Haven. On October 19, 1853, he was married in Fairhaven, to Anna Munsill of Long Island, N. Y. They have three children: Carrie Pond, Kate L., and Jennie Kie. He reared his family in the Congregational faith, and he, also, was nurtured in the doctrines of that church. His residence is at 110 Front Street, New Haven.

EDWARD F. STACEY

Admitted to life membership in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on March 10, 1909, and therein enrolled as No. 509, with diploma membership 167,364, is a past member of its Arab Patrol, having been so appointed in December, 1909. He first saw Masonic light in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., on March 24, 1908; was advanced and exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., on June 5, 1908; received and greeted in Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., on June 8, 1908, and was knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in March, 1909, of which he is a past triangle guard. The degrees in his lodge of perfection were conferred March 18, 1909, and he was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, on March 29, 1909. He is, also, a member of the Elks, in Lodge No. 105, Trenton, N. J. Noble Stacey was born in New York City, April 4, 1877, and there received an education, graduating from the high school in 1902. His father was John W. Stacey and his mother, Frances Emma Cunningham Stacey, both having been natives of England. The former passed away January 6, 1890, and the latter, in 1894. On September 19, 1904, in Wilmington, Del., his life was united in marriage with that of Alice Sherman of St. Louis, Mo. In religious matters, he inclines to Episcopalianism, in which faith he was bred. He is fond of all outdoor sports. Having been a salesman for many years, for the American Graphophone Company, in New York, he was, in 1907, appointed inspector of that company in the Bridgeport works, which position he continues to fill. He resides at 35 Butler Street, Bridgeport.

EDWIN O. KEELER

Enrolled as a noble of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on May 28, 1888, with membership 217, was previously knighted in Masonry, in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T.; received his cryptic degrees from Washington Council No. 6, R. & S. M.; his capitular degrees from Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 24, and his first insight into Masonry, was had in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., in Norwalk. He is also a member of Our Brother's Lodge No. 9, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of No. 709 of the Elks, both in Norwalk. Noble Keeler is a well-known clubman, being a member of the Norwalk, Norwalk Country, Pine Lodge and Governor's Staff Clubs, also of the Transportation Club of New York City. His political views are Republican, and he has held numerous political positions of trust, having been mayor of Norwalk, 1894-95; representative to the House, 1893-95; representative to the Senate, 1897-99, and lieutenant-governor of the State of Connecticut in 1901. In 1895 he was elected president of the Fairfield County National Bank, and 1901-02, vice president of the Norwalk Trust Company. The past forty-three years he has been in the wholesale grocery business in Norwalk. Noble Keeler was born in Ridgefield, Conn., June 12, 1846, and there received a public school education. He was the son of Jonah C. and Henrietta Olmstead Keeler. On May 13, 1869, he was married to Sarah V. Whiting of Providence, daughter of Peter B. Whiting. Their two children are Rutherford B. and Inez R. His residence is in Norwalk.

FRANK HARGRAVE LEE

Photographer, has been in that line of business for the past thirty years. He was born in Buffalo, N. Y., October 21, 1853, receiving an education in the public schools of his native city. His father was James H. Lee, native of England, and his mother, Amelia Lawrence Lee, was of Scottish birth. Noble Lee was married in Buffalo, July 13, 1877, to Anna M. Cook of Penn Yan, N. Y., daughter of Henry and Mary Delano Cook. They have one son, Lawrence H. Noble Lee was created a Shriner of the Ancient Arabic Order, in Pyramid Temple, May 26, 1892, with membership 854, having previously united with Masonry in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., in Ansonia; Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35, also in Ansonia; Union Council No. 27, Royal and Select Masters, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. He also belongs to the Improved Order of the Heptasophs, and is a member of the Insurance Association. Prior to entering the field of photography, as a business, he was engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes in Buffalo, N. Y. He is an Episcopalian, and was brought up in that faith. Hunting, fishing, and boating are his favorite pastimes. Both his residence and studio are located at 236 Main Street, Ansonia.

FRED G. WILMOT, D. D. S.

A 32° Mason of New Haven, and created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the class of December 10, 1901, with membership No. 1473, was Masonically qualified in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, his Scottish Rite degrees having come from the local A. A. S. R. bodies, and his consistorial degree from Lafayette, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven.

GEORGE H. LOCKYER

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1901, with membership 1477, pledged his allegiance in Masonry to Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club, and of City Lodge No. 36, of the I. O. O. F., in which he is a past grand. Noble Lockyer was born in Seymour, Conn., November 27, 1863, and received an education in the public schools of New Haven. His parents are John T. and Elizabeth (McCord) Lockyer, the former native of England, and the latter of Scotland. For the past twenty-five years he has been a machinist in the employ of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. He resides at 59 Shelton Street, New Haven.

EDWARD F. MANSFIELD

Admitted to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 25, 1891, with enrollment No. 602, has Masonic degrees conferred by Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Crox, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is a member of the Knights Templar and Union League Clubs, and is a Republican. Noble Mansfield was born in New Haven, Conn., on October 15, 1848, and was there educated. His parents were Benjamin F. and Harriet J. Clark Mansfield. He was united in marriage with Kate C. Goodwin of Hartford, in that city, on September 14, 1871. They have two children: B. Franklin, born June 21, 1872, and Henrietta G., May 30, 1874. He was reared in the Baptist faith, and now attends the Episcopal Church. Since 1874, he has been one of the firm of the Strong, Barnes, Hart & Company, 165-169 Long Wharf, New Haven. He resides at 12 Academy Street, New Haven.

ROBERT MORGAN

Entered Pyramid Temple, on January 24, 1887, with enrollment 239. He is a York Rite Mason, and received his degrees from Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is connected with City Lodge of the I. O. O. F., in New Haven, and is a member of the Knights Templar, and Young Men's Republican Clubs of New Haven. For about thirty-five years prior to 1899, he was engaged in the plumbing, heating, and gas-fixture business, after which he retired from active business life. Noble Morgan was born in Paisley, Scotland, October 9, 1841, and was educated in New Haven. He resides in New Haven, at 15 Eld Street.

JOSEPH H. PROVOST

Born in Stamford, Conn., March 22, 1879, was entered, passed and raised in Union Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; was exalted in Rittenhouse Royal Arch Chapter No. 11, is a member of Washington Council No. 24, R. & S. M.; also of Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. S. R.; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, by which was conferred his thirty-second degree. On April 29, 1902, he was received into the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid's portals, and was therein enrolled No. 1531. Of the Odd Fellows in Stamford, he is a past grand in Puritan Lodge No. 43, and past chief patriarch in Wascusse Encampment No. 14. His father is Lewis Provost, also native of Stamford. Noble Provost was married to Lena H. Stevens, daughter of William I. and Mary Heart Stevens of South Norwalk, on November 2, 1905. Their children are: Joseph Stevens, born December 1, 1906, and Helen Louise, October 18, 1910. His religious affiliations are Congregational, and he was brought up in that faith. The Suburban Club claims him as a member. His first seven years in business were in the blacksmithing, hardware manufacturing, and insurance lines. His political views are Republican. In 1904 he was elected city clerk of Stamford, which position he continues to fill. He also resides in Stamford, at 25 Bedford Place.

FRANCIS H. DAVIS

No. 573, in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., joined that body on March 3, 1891, having previously affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is also an Odd Fellow in Pennechuck Lodge No. 44, of Nashua, N. H. In 1882, he was elected alderman, in Nashua. Chelsea, Vt., was the place of his birth, in 1844. He attended the public schools of Lowell, Mass. His parents were Henry O. and Abigail Hood Davis, both having been natives of the Green Mountain State. His late wife was Huldah Manning of Nashua, and he has one son, Percy R. Davis. Noble Davis is a Universalist in religious belief. His favorite pastime is fishing, and his literary preference is for works of a mechanical nature. Mechanical engineering has claimed his interest throughout the past quarter of a century. For twenty-two years he was mechanician of the Bridgeport Forge Company, until 1909, when he became interested in the Bridgeport Vehicle Company, which is located on Fairfield and Hollis Streets. His home is also in Bridgeport, at 180 State Street.

IRVING GERRY

Initiated into the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, on June 6, 1907, with enrollment No. 2080, his Masonic connections being with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. He is a member of Danbury Club; a Republican, and took an active part in politics until about 1900. Noble Gerry was born in Sudbury, Mass., on September 12, 1860, and was educated in Orange, N. J. His parents were Israel H. and Josephine M. Packhard Gerry. He was married in Orange, N. J., January 8, 1885, to Martha Anne Johnston of Kansas City, Mo. His parents were Presbyterians, and Noble and Mrs. Gerry are attendants at the Congregational Church. Billiards and baseball are his favorite pastimes. He was formerly vice-president of the National Hat Factory, and is now connected with J. E. Bates of 45 West 4th Street, New York. He has always been onto his job, and too busy to attend to anything but his business. His home is at 84 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury.

GEORGE W. KING

Born in Bridgeport, February 14, 1850, and there attained a public school education. He was the son of Joseph and Lucy King, the former having been born in Portugal. His political affiliations are with the Republican Party, and he served his constituents as alderman, in 1902-06 and 1910-1912. He has been collector for the Bridgeport Gaslight Company since 1905, having previously served as foreman with the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, from 1876 to 1905. He is married to Carrie W. Brotherton, daughter of John M. Brotherton of Westport. Their two children are: Geneva K., wife of Frank B. Jaynes, and Alice G. They are Congregationalists. Fishing and boating are his favorite diversions. He was admitted to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on January 16, 1907, his enrollment in that body being 1907. His Masonic steps were previously taken in St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also affiliated with Pequonnock Lodge No. 4, of the Odd Fellows, and has held various offices in the Fraternal Order of Connecticut, being one of its trustees. His residence is at 1387 Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport.

OSCAR H. BANKS

Entered Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on April 29, 1902, in which illustrious body he is enrolled as No. 1532. In Masonry, he is affiliated with Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; Washington R. A. Chapter No. 24, in Norwalk; Washington Council No 6, R. & S. M., in Stamford, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., in Norwalk. His memberships also include the Norwalk and the Norwalk Country Clubs.

His own auto and livery business has claimed his attention since 1898, and for ten years prior to that he was in the firm of the Banks Bros., of Bridgeport. He sends large shipments of horses from the Western States to Connecticut.

Noble Banks was born in Westport, Conn., April 2, 1867, receiving an education in the public day and evening schools of Westport. He taught two years in South Norwalk and Westport. His parents were Henry and Martha J. Banks, both Congregationalists. His business address is 8 River Street, Norwalk, and he resides at 80 Main Street.

WILLIAM N. CLARK

Retired from business life in 1904, having been five years in the brokerage business in New York; for another like period connected with mining operations; and in the hardware manufacturing industry in Chester, Brooklyn, and Wallingford, in all for twenty-two years.

Noble Clark was born in Chester, Conn., June 22, 1847, and received an education in the public schools of his native place. His parents were William N. and Susan B. Brooks, the former, of Woodbridge, and the latter, of Chester. His wife, to whom he was married May 28, 1871, was Julia A. Moulton of Stafford Springs. They have two children: William Moulton and Winnibel.

On December 18, 1906, he entered Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, his enrollment in that body being 1983, prior to which he had become affiliated in Masonry with Compass Lodge No. 9, A. F. & A. M., in Wallingford, in which he was senior warden; Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27; Hamilton Council No. 19, Royal and Select Masters, and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, all in Meriden.

Noble Clark is a Congregationalist, is a Republican, and is on the Board of Aldermen. He is fond of hunting, fishing and historical reading. His home is in Ansonia, at 40 James Street.

JOHN L. SOMERS

A 32° Mason, and affiliated with both York and Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 24, 1904, with enrollment 1796. He is, likewise, a member of Arcanum, I. O. O. F., of Bridgeport. Noble Somers was born in Providence, R. I., March 28, 1871, and received an education in the public schools of Bridgeport. His father is Fred Somers, of English birth, and his mother was Kate Gardner Somers, native of Providence, R. I. He was married in Bridgeport, in 1894, to Mabel Hoyt, daughter of William H. Hoyt of Bridgeport. They have two children: Mildred Frances and Roy Vinton. Noble Somers was brought up a Congregationalist, and adheres to that faith. His favorite pastime is autoing. He is proprietor of a wholesale and retail paper and paint business at 1001 Broad Street, Bridgeport, and his home is 1011 Stratford Avenue, Bridgeport.

EDWARD M. ARMSTRONG

Was born in the city of New Haven, April 2, 1848, and prepared for Yale at Hopkins Grammar School of that city. He was the son of Montgomery and Mary R. Alling Armstrong, and in November, 1872, was married in New Haven, to Sarah H. Wells of that city. They have one son, Frank C. Armstrong. Noble Edward M. Armstrong has been engaged in the carriage manufacturing business for nearly half a century, and he is president of The M. Armstrong Company, manufacturers of coaches and automobiles at 433 Chapel Street, his residence being 724 Whitney Avenue, New Haven. His Masonic career is as follows: He received the sublime degree of Master Mason in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, of New Haven, June 22, 1869, being the first to receive the degree after the lodge received its charter; was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., on November 16, 1869; received into Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. Masters, January 17, 1870; created a Knight Templar in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., April 1, 1870, and was welcomed in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Bridgeport, on January 27, 1890, his enrollment therein being No. 462. He has also received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite: 14° in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, on March 3, 1890; 16° in Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem, April 7, 1890; 18° in New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, April 7, 1890; his 32° in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, on May 14, 1890, and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, at its session in Philadelphia, September 19, 1899.

WILLIAM E. BULKLEY

City editor of the *Danbury News*, with which paper he has been connected since 1887, was born in Danbury, Conn., January 26, 1870, and received an education in its public schools. William Bulkley, M. D., a native of Salisbury, was his father, and his mother is Jennie McCollum Bulkley of Croton Falls, N. Y. On June 15, 1886, his marriage to Minnie E. Linton of Danbury, daughter of William Linton, was celebrated in that city. They have one son, William L., born August 16, 1900. Noble Bulkley's religious affiliations are Episcopal, and he is a member of St. James' Church in Danbury. When quite a young man, he knocked at the door of Freemasonry in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; was advanced and exalted in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; admitted to the ninth arch in Wooster Council, No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and was created a knight in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., all in Danbury. Thus Masonically qualified and eligible for admission to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, he was duly received into that illustrious body of Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order, in the class of December 5, 1903, his membership therein being 1681. Danbury Club also claims him as a member, and he resides in Danbury, at 12 Terrace Place.

FRED A. LINES

Has Masonic connections in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., in which he has served both as senior deacon and junior warden; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 31, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. On December 28, 1891, he crossed the burning sands, and was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., with membership 763. He has been in the lumber business in this locality for twenty-eight years; is president of the Savings Bank of Ansonia, also president of The Ansonia Lumber Company of Ansonia, and of The Housatonic Lumber Company of Derby. He is a charter member of the Ansonia Business Men's Association, and of the Manufacturers' Club. He resides at No. 2 West Street, Ansonia.

FREDERICK M. BROWN

Was created a noble of the Mystic Shrine on April 9, 1906, being recipient 1955 of the order from Pyramid Temple. He is Masonically connected with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Brown was born in New Haven, Conn., September 26, 1868, where he attended public and private schools. His parents were Samuel M. and Mary J. (Warner) Brown, the former of New Haven, and the latter of New York. He was married in New Haven, June 6, 1901, to Anna Spettler of that place. They are Episcopalians. For six years, from 1884, he was in the railroad business. In 1890 he engaged in the carriage and auto supply business with C. Cowles and Company, and in 1896 formed his present connection with Louis Dusenbury and Company of 222 Fourth Avenue, New York. He resides at 715 Quinnipiac Avenue, New Haven.

WILLIAM H. LYON

Of Bridgeport, was born in Boonton, N. J., September 15 1872, and receiving an education in the public schools of Ansonia, graduated from its high school course in 1888. His father is George Lyon, also native of Boonton, and his mother, May Hillyer Lyon, was of North Troy, N. J. He was married in Shelton, Conn., February 4, 1899, to Josephine E. Tomlinson, of Oronoque County, town of Stratford, daughter of Gideon and Idwilla I. Nichols Tomlinson. They have five children: Earl T., Leota N., Josephine E., Mary H., and William H., Jr. Noble Lyon was brought up in the Congregational faith, and in politics is independent. He is a traveling salesman for the Beard Shelton Company of Bridgeport, that connection having been formed in 1909. For five years he was the physical training director of Central University of Kentucky. Noble Lyon united with Masonry in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., in Ansonia, then took degrees in Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35, also in Ansonia, from whence he entered the body of Royal and Select Masters in Union Council No. 27, in Derby, and was knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Subsequently, on June 6, 1907, he was admitted to the Order of the Mystic Shrine through the portals of Pyramid Temple No. 8, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 2109 He is also a member of the Phi Delta Theta, and the Sons of Veterans. He resides in Bridgeport, at 257 Noble Street.

CHARLES LINCOLN BANKS, M. D.

A York Rite Mason of Bridgeport, received his degrees from St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. Through the medium of the latter, he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 29, 1902, with enrollment 1350. He is also a member of the Algonquin and Brooklawn Clubs, and adheres to Republican principles. Noble Banks is a native of Fairfield, Conn., and was born April 8, 1865. He received a preliminary education in the Birmingham public schools, later taking the regular medical course in Yale University. He is the son of Moses E. and Amelia Collins Banks, the former of Easton, and the latter of New York City. He was married to Edith Maston of Portland, Me., in New York City, in April, 1893. They have one son, Maston Edson. Noble Banks was brought up in the Congregational faith, and Mrs. Banks is an Episcopalian. He finds recreation in autoing and farming, in literature his preference being for history and science. He was appointed physician and surgeon to the county jail in 1894; served on the Board of Aldermen, 1898-99, and as fire surgeon for eleven years, 1895-1906. He was also appointed police surgeon in 1895, which commission he still holds, and he resides at 305 West Avenue, Bridgeport.

FRANK DANIEL SMITH

Enrolled 1455 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was admitted to the nobility of that order on April 30, 1891, having previously attained Masonic membership in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27 R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. Starting in the furniture business in 1869, with the firm of Bowditch and Company, he there remained for ten years, until 1879, when he embarked in the same line of business for himself. Noble Smith, the son of David Smith of Litchfield, and Augusta Parker Smith, was also born in Litchfield, Conn., but educated in Meriden. His wife, to whom he was married in Meriden, October 12, 1875, was Florence J. Powers, daughter of Luther A. Powers. Her demise occurred September 29, 1909, bereaving her husband and daughter, Edna S. Graham. Noble Smith holds membership in the Colonial Club, also in the Sons of the American Revolution, and was for two terms president of the Meriden Business Men's Association. He lives at 15 Linsley Avenue, and his furniture and house furnishing establishment is located at 29 East Main Street, Meriden.

WILLIAM H. BUNNELL

Borne by the black camel to the Unseen Temple, on November 21, 1908, was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on November 24, 1884, with enrollment 78, bearing York Rite Masonic allegiance to Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees also were conferred by the Bridgeport bodies, and he became a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret in Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Bunnell was superintendent of the poor in Bridgeport.

CHRISTIAN QUIEN

Became affiliated with Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on January 25, 1886, with enrollment 169, holding Masonic connections with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M.; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., all of Danbury. He is a past commander in the G. A. R. His political affiliations have been Republican since 1864. Noble Quien was born in Bavaria, Ger., on July 18, 1843, and he was educated in his home city, Danbury. His parents were George J. and Catherine Linder Quien. On April 4, 1864, he was married in Danbury to Marion P. Nash, daughter of Henry S. Nash. Their children are Marion Grace Smith, born September, 1892, and Lena M. Sanford, March 20, 1882. His religious affiliations, like those of his parents, are Methodist, that being also the religious persuasion of Mrs. Quien. From 1865 to 1875, Noble Quien was in the hat manufacturing business, but in 1881, he became interested in real estate as a business, which he conducts under style of C. Quien, at 288 Main Street, Danbury. His residence, also in Danbury, being 60 W. Wooster Street.

GEORGE W. IVES

Became a Mystic Shriner in Pyramid Temple, on May 25, 1891, with enrollment 609. His Masonic affiliations are with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Ives was born in North Haven, Conn., December 23, 1842, where he attended public and private schools. His father was Alfred Ives, and his mother is Selina A. Blakeslee Ives. In Hamden, Conn., on December 23, 1863, he was united in marriage with Maria B. Davis of that place, and their one son is Alfred E. Ives. They are Congregationalists. Noble Ives is an ex-member of the Governor's Horse Guard. In politics he is a Republican; he was a representative to the House from the town of Hamden, and was selectman of North Haven. In 1900 he adopted the business of market gardening; for twenty-five years prior to that having been engaged in brick manufacturing. His residence is in Hamden, situated on Ridge Road.

CHARLES S. COOK

Of Ansonia, was born at Bernhard's Bay, N. Y., receiving an education in the public schools of his home town, and the Cleveland Union School, later taking a course in the Chaffee Business College of Oswego, N. Y. His parents are F. S. and Martha E. Dawley Cook, both of Bernhard's Bay. He was married in Bridgeport, June 5, 1907, to Emma A. Salewsky of that city. Masonically, he is affiliated with George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35, of which he is high priest; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. His Shrine affiliations are with Pyramid Temple, in which he was created a noble, on April 9, 1906, his enrollment therein being 1978. His club memberships include: the Manufacturers' Club, being its treasurer; the Ansonia Club, of which he is secretary, and the Young Men's Republican Club of New Haven. In 1903 he entered upon the duties of bookkeeper for the Ansonia Brass and Copper Company, which position he now fills, his former business connections having been with the Waterbury Manufacturing Company, the Chase Rolling Mill Company of Waterbury, and M. J. Daly and Sons, Inc. He resides in Ansonia, at 183 Wakelee Avenue.

EZRA I. DUDLEY

Past master in Montgomery Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in which he was first brought to light in Masonry, a member of the Royal Arch Chapter in Litchfield, and of the Litchfield Council of Royal and Select Masters, and of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°, of Bridgeport. Through the medium of the latter, he was welcomed in Pyramid Temple, April 23, 1883, his membership by order of enrollment being 41. In politics he claims independence. Noble Dudley was born in Providence, R. I., on June 29, 1838, and there received an education. His parents were Friend C. and Annie Ides Dudley. He has been married twice, his first wife having been Miss Norton of Blandford, Mass., and his present wife was Miss Lizzie Buck. He has one daughter, Grace. Noble Dudley is a lover of horses and racing, and is somewhat of an equestrian. For nearly twenty years, from 1892, he has been proprietor of the Bridgeport Distributing Company, engaged in the wholesale and retail distribution of liquors. For twenty-two years prior to entering his present business, he was proprietor of the City Hotel, in Fall Village, Conn. His business location is 162 State Street, and he resides at West End, Bridgeport.

EUGENE BUCKMAN

A 32° Mason, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 5, 1903, his enrollment therein being 1617. He received his York Rite Masonic degrees in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., in which he was senior steward; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. The Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by the New Haven A. A. S. R. bodies, and Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. Noble Buckman was born in Penn Valley, Bucks County, Penn., August 5, 1871, and attained an education in the public schools of his native place, and those of West Chester, Penn., and New Haven. He is the son of Charles and Henrietta Anderson Buckman, both natives of Pennsylvania, and both Presbyterians, to which faith he also adheres. He was married in New Haven, in 1897, to Ninon C. Dean of that city. They have two children, Alice E. and N. Henrietta. He was secretary of the National Steel Foundry, 1903-06, and interested in the automobile business, 1907-09. His business from 1909, has been that of treasurer of the William M. Hotchkiss Company, Inc., of 902 Chapel Street, New Haven, and he has his home at 68 Lake Place, New Haven.

WILLIAM L. COOPER

Life member and noble No. 1589 in Pyramid Temple, enrolled therein on December 2, 1902, is a 32° Mason, and holds membership in Hiram Lodge No 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., in which body he served as high priest; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., where he is a past thrice illustrious master; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and in the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite, also Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Cooper was born in New Haven, Conn., January 31, 1861, the son of George Lyon and Sarah E. Beecher Cooper, the former, a native of Lyons Farms, Newark, N. J., and the latter of New York City. On February 14, 1882, he was married in New Haven, to Alice E. Maffett of Liberty, N. Y. He enjoys all outdoor sports, and in reading his interest is general. He is an ex-member of the Connecticut National Guard, Company D, Second Regiment, and was for seven years sergeant of the company. On October 6, 1893, he was appointed on the New Haven police force. He resides at 343 Greenwich Avenue, New Haven.

PHILIP WILKINS

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on April 9, 1906, with membership 1975, was first brought to light in March, 1877, in Ontario, Can., having there served as inner guard. He was advanced and exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., in Bridgeport, being principal sojourner and master of work; was received and greeted in Jerusalem Council No 16, R. & S. M., and knighted in Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., in which he is serving as first guard. Noble Wilkins was born in Cornwall, Eng., February 28, 1853, and was educated in the public schools of his native city. His parents were Edward and Priscilla (Hoskins) Wilkins, both natives of Cornwall. He was married in Eudora, Kas., on November 5, 1884, to Anne Charlotte Wohlsteen of Berlin, Ger., and they have six children: John, Anna Priscilla, Wilhelmina, Philip George, Oliver, and Martha Edna. They attend the Episcopal Church. Since 1900 he has been engaged in contracting and building in Bridgeport, and for thirty-five years prior to entering business for himself, he was a commercial agent for builders in Canada, and the United States; the last twenty-seven years of which were spent in Bridgeport. His residence is 839 Cleveland Avenue, Bridgeport.

ARTHUR T. BARBOUR

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, with membership 2031, was previously qualified as a York Rite Mason, in Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. Noble Barbour, the son of William D. and Harriet Taft Barbour, was born in Triangle, N. Y., on January 3, 1873, receiving an education in public and private schools of his native town. He is a widower, his wife having been Della Cargill of New Haven, to whom he was married in New York City, November 24, 1905. Her demise occurred February 10, 1911. Since 1891 he has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in New Haven, and is an ex-member of the State Naval Militia, having been chief musician of that body. His favorite sport is baseball, and in reading he prefers history. His dental office is at 781 Chapel Street, New Haven, and his residence, 259 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven.

PAUL REHNBERG

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 18, 1906, with enrollment No. 1993, has York Rite Masonic degrees received from Washington Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, 32°. His occupation is that of jeweler. Noble Rehnberg was born in Stockholm, Sweden, on April 23, 1859, and there received his education. His parents were natives of Stockholm, and Hamburg, Ger. He was married in Jacksonville, Fla., May 5, 1885, to Miss Alice Upton, and they have five children: Carl Franklin, aged twenty-four; Raye Porter, twenty; Pauline Foster, twenty-two; Frank Huntington, fifteen, and Sara Alice, twelve. Golf is his favorite outdoor sport. His business address is Derby, and he resides in Huntington.

JOHN C. COLEMAN

Enrolled as member No. 1242, of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1897, previously affiliated as a Mason with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Coleman was born in Bridgeport, Conn., August 31, 1861, the son of Oscar Paul and Sarah Elizabeth Gordon Coleman, the former, of Water Valley, and the latter, of Bridgeport. Tramping over the country is veritable sport for him, and in reading he chiefly enjoys history. For nearly four decades, since 1875, he has been in the employ of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, as a trainman, and it goes without saying that he has mastered the art of railroading. His business address is: Care the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, New Haven, and his residence, 167 Howard Avenue, New Haven.

DAVID C. BROWN, M. D.

First saw light in Masonry, in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; was advanced in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23, and knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., through the medium of which he became a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 18, 1903, with life membership, his card bearing number 2021. For twenty-seven years, from 1884, he has been engaged in the general practice of his profession, and is surgeon in the Danbury Hospital, having filled that post for the past eight years, from 1903. Noble Brown was born in Norfolk, Va., November 16, 1863, the son of Orlando and Martha Whittesy Brown. After graduating from the Gunnery School, he began his medical education with a course in the Yale Medical College, from which he graduated in 1884, then taking a course in clinics in the Hartford Hospital, in 1885, and in 1886, studied in Germany, at the Berlin University. His marriage to Catherine Cobden, daughter of Arthur and Nellie Hardy Cobden, of Lansingburg, N. Y., was celebrated in that place, June 19, 1889. Their children are Orlando and Catherine. Noble Brown is fond of outdoor sports, and is a member of the Danbury Club. His religious affiliations are Congregational. He resides and has his offices in Danbury, at 330 Main Street.

WALTER ALPHONSO CHENEY

Was raised in Hennipin Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., and exalted in Freestone Chapter No. 34, R. A. M., in Portland, and transferred to St. John's Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M., of Middletown, and Washington Chapter No. 6, R. A. M. He was knighted in Cyrene Commandery No. 8, in Middletown, and was subsequently made a noble in Pyramid Temple, No. 8, A. A. O. N. M. S., with enrollment No. 612. Noble Cheney is sixty-one years young.

GEORGE E. BROOKS

Masonically affiliated with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., all in New Haven, was made a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 26, 1892, with membership 777. Noble Brooks was born in Clinton, Conn., June 2, 1846, and attended the Institute of Guilford. He was the son of Julius and Louise Griffin Brooks of Clinton, and was married to Sarah E. Hunter of New Haven. In 1863, when a lad of but seventeen years, he became apprenticed in the trade of a machinist, and has since worked in that industry continuously. Hunting and fishing are his favorite recreations. He attends the Congregational Church, and his residence is at 1179 Chapel Street, New Haven.

ARTHUR D. PERKINS

Received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 18, 1893, with enrollment 902, was Masonically qualified in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R. A. Chapter No. 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has also received the A. A. S. R. degrees up to and including the thirty-second, which came from Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar Club, and of Crosswell Lodge No. 39, of the I. O. O. F.; for five years of the New Haven Grays; and eleven years, the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard. Noble Perkins was born in the "City of Elms," September 27, 1850, and was there educated. His father was Isaac Perkins, late of Woodbridge, and his mother is Hulda Smith Perkins of Orange. He was married in New Haven, May 17, 1883, to Rebecca Kneringer of that city. He is an Episcopalian. Since 1876 he has been engaged in the manufacture of rubber goods, at 13 Centre Street, New Haven. He also resides in that city, at 376 Edgewood Avenue.

BENJAMIN H. BALL

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 8, 1911, with enrollment 2361, is a member of Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Ball was born in Salisbury, Conn., on December 4, 1876, and received an education in public and private schools of his birthplace. His parents are Benjamin Ball of Salisbury, and Margaret Nolan Ball, native of Great Barrington, Mass. On May 1, 1907, he was united in marriage with Margaret L. Crowley, of New Haven, the ceremony having taken place in that city. His religious affiliations are Congregational, as are those of his parents. He enjoys all outdoor sports and general reading. He has been salesman for The John E. Bassett and Company of New Haven, for the past twelve years. His residence is in New Haven, at 86 Howe Street.

GEORGE RUTHERFORD

Of Bridgeport, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 29, 1907, with enrollment 1538, being Masonically connected with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A .M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and with all of the bodies of the A. & A. S. R. in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory, from which he received his thirty-second degree. He is also an Odd Fellow, and a member of the I. O. O. F. Immediate Relief and Women's Immediate Relief; of the Fireman's Benevolent Corporation; of Court Pembroke No. 27, of the Foresters of America; and of Elias Howe, Jr. Post of the G. A. R. For the past four years he has been captain of the Fire Department, and Truck No. 2, and prior to that, for ten years, was a mason and builder. Of Scottish birth and parentage, Noble Rutherford was born in Edinburgh, October 16, 1851, his parents having been John and Susan Pratt Rutherford, the former of Edinburgh, and the latter of Inverness. He received an education in his native city. He is married and has one son, John F. Noble Rutherford attends the Episcopal Church, though bred in Presbyterian doctrines. He is fond of athletic games and of reading. His business address is No. 5, Fire Department, Middle Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 168 Beach Street.

CHARLES B. SCOTT

Became identified with the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple No 8, on May 13, 1908, with membership No. 2192, his Masonic connections being with Compass Lodge No. 9, A. F. & A. M.; Lockwood Chapter No. 48, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. He is also a member of Mizpah Chapter No. 37, of the Order of Eastern Star, in Wallingford. Noble Scott was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on May 9, 1865, and there attended school, and later at the University of Colorado, took special courses in pharmacy and botany. His parents were Charles B. and Alice Leslie Scott. He was married in New Rochelle, N. Y., January 4, 1900, to Mabel A. McDougall of Bennington, Vt., daughter of Lorenzo and Louisa Hopkins McDougall, the former of Argyle, N. Y., and the latter of Fort Edward, N. Y. They have two children: Alice L., born February 8, 1901, and Charles DeW., May 20, 1908. Noble Scott was brought up in the Baptist faith. He has been superintendent of the Connecticut Trap Rock Quarries since June 10, 1901, previously, from April, 1894, having been employed by the B. D. Pierce, Jr., Company, general contractors in Bridgeport. His residence is in Wallingford.

CHARLES M. BROOKS

Of Waterbury, was born in Hartford, Conn., April 15, 1867. He graduated from the high school of his home city, in 1885. His father was David B. Brooks of Hartford, and his mother is Julia Clark Brooks, also native of Hartford. He was married, October 24, 1894, to Miss Anna Gibbud of Naugatuck. They have two children: Cornelia M., and Katherine C. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and was brought up in that faith. In Masonry, he is a past master of Continental Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest in Eureka Chapter No. 42, R. A. M.; a member of Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M.; past eminent commander in Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T., and in the Scottish Rite bodies, he is orator in Doric Lodge of Perfection; a member of Ionic Council, P. of J.; also of Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix, and of Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, in which he was made a 32° Mason. He was admitted to the nobility in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 27, 1899, his membership in that body being 1371. He is, likewise, a Knight of Pythias in Speedwell Lodge, Waterbury. He has been in the service of the City Lumber and Coal Company of 590 West Main Street, Waterbury, for more than twenty years. His home is at 298 Willow Street.

HERBERT BARNES

A 32° Scottish Rite Mason, entered the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 9, 1906, with membership 1948. As a Mason, he was raised in Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., exalted in Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M.; knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and received the degrees of the Scottish Rite from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Barnes was born in Reading, Penn., January 8, 1884, and was educated in public and private schools of New Haven and Ossining, N. Y., graduating from high school in 1902. He is the son of Edward H. Barnes and Lulu Hemmingway Barnes, both of New Haven. On October 12, 1910, he was married to Gertrude Funk of New York. Noble Barnes retains his interest in the Congregational body, the church home of his parents. He resides at 1228 Quinnipiac Avenue, New Haven. He is in the wholesale beef and produce business, being a member of the Strong, Barnes, and Hart Company of 165 Long Wharf, New Haven.

ELBERT L. FORD

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1897, with enrollment 1253, has Masonic affiliations with Ansantawae Lodge No. 89 of Milford; Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M. of Derby; Harmony Council No. 8, Royal and Select Masters in New Haven, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also connected with Wopowage Lodge No. 14, of the I. O. O. F., and Lucia Chapter No. 25, of the O. E. S., both of Milford. For twelve years, from 1869, he was master of sailing vessels, and for the past thirty years, master and pilot of steam vessels. He was born in Milford, Conn., February 21, 1847, and received an education in the schools of his native town. He was the son of Samuel A. and Sarah Emily Smith Ford of Milford. He was united in marriage with Carrie W. Sherwood of Southport, Conn., on February 10, 1875. They have had nine children, eight of whom are: Lillian W., born September, 1876; Grace S., May, 1878; Ethel S., February, 1884; Samuel E., August, 1885; Ada F., August, 1887; William A., January, 1890; Elbert Louis, December, 1892; Cecil P., September, 1894, and Arthur S., March, 1897. His business address is 77 Gulf Street, Milford, and his residence is in Milford.

SHELDON L. SQUIRES

Crossed the burning sands and on December 14, 1904, reached Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, oasis of Bridgeport, in which he holds membership and enrollment No. 1794. His Masonic connections are with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Squires was born in Newark, N. J., October 14, 1871, and graduated from the high school of that city in 1888. His father was Horace Squires of Madison, N. J., and his mother is Elizabeth Lord Squires of Newark, N. J. On November 15, 1904, he was married to Elizabeth Wickitt of Toronto, Can., in that city. They have one son, William Horace. Prior to entering his present connection, he was twelve years in the trucking business, and for six years a traveling salesman for a hardware concern. Since January, 1911, Noble Squires has been in the employ of E. C. Ball & Company, in their automobile business, located at 91 Meadow Street, New Haven. His home is at 30 Ellsworth Street, New Haven.

CLIFFORD R. YATES

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 23, 1908, has membership 2214 in that illustrious body. He had previously gained his Masonic qualifications in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., being senior steward; Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 35, of which he is a past high priest; Union Council No. 27, Royal and Select Masters, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar.

Noble Yates was born in Oil Springs, Ontario, Can., March 4, 1883, and there received an education. His father was George C. Yates, of Ontario, and his mother, Ann Jane Brown Yates, of same nativity. His business connection is that of clerk with the Coe Brass Manufacturing Company of Ansonia, and he has filled that position for the past ten years, since 1901.

He resides in Ansonia, at 91 High Street.

ROLLIN ALANSON CURTISS, M. D.

Retired from his general medical practice in 1896. He was brought to Masonic light in Harmony Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M., in Waterbury, and exalted in Eureka Chapter No. 22, R. A. M., in Waterbury. Dimitting from those, he joined St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., in Stratford, and Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13, in Bridgeport. He is also a member of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and the four bodies of the Scottish Rite in Bridgeport, including Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Besides his Masonic connections, he is a member of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N M. S., into which he was received on May 13, 1909, his membership in that body being numbered 2245. He is, likewise, an Odd Fellow in Nosahogan Lodge No. 21, in Waterbury, and of Tunxis No. 10, in the I. O. R. M., also in Waterbury. His clubs are the Sea Side of Bridgeport, and the Cupheag of Stratford. Noble Curtiss was born in Waterbury, October 19, 1865, and received an education in the public schools of his native city, and the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass. His medical course was taken in the New York University. His father was Sylvester Curtiss, native of Huntington, and his mother is Caroline Elizabeth Russell Curtiss. He was married March 23, 1904, in Fort Chester, N. Y., to Catherine T. Colbert of Seymour. They have one child, Catherine Caroline, born October 27, 1906. Noble Curtiss is fond of outdoor life, and his home is in Stratford.

W. V. BRADLEY

Initiated into the mysteries of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and therein ennobled, on December 27, 1899, with membership 1361, is a 32° Mason, having previously affiliated with Olive Branch Lodge No. 84, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He is, too, a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven, a past sachem in Hammonasset Tribe No. 1, of the Ancient Order of Red Men, a member of the Dental Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania, of the Connecticut State Dental Society, and the New Haven Dental Society, also of the Union League Club of New Haven. On national issues he votes Democratically, but in local elections, independently. Noble Bradley was born in Westville, Conn., August 8, 1863, the son of George E. and Hannah Decker Bradley, the former of New Haven, and the latter was a native of Delaware County, N. Y. He received an education in the public schools of New Haven, and the University of Pennsylvania, where he took a special course in dentistry. He was married in New Haven to Saidie G. Bright of that city, on December 11, 1890. They have one daughter, Dorothy H., born March 23, 1902. His favorite pastimes are baseball, and motoring. His dental office is at 828 Chapel Street, and he resides at 29 Whalley Avenue, both in New Haven.

EUGENE S. SHOONMAKER

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 26, 1892, with enrollment 844, has Masonic affiliations with George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Shoonmaker was born in Bethel, Conn., April 4, 1854, the son of Amos and Sarah Hodges Shoonmaker, the former of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and the latter of Georgetown, Conn. He was married in Chelsea, Mass., February 28, 1889, to Anna Littlefield of that city. They have one daughter, Edith. He has been a druggist in Ansonia from 1868, and conducts his business at 220 Main Street, his home being No. 22 William Street, Ansonia.

RODERICK PERRY CURTIS

Entered the Unseen Temple August 9, 1909. The late Noble Curtis was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December, 1906, his membership in that illustrious body having been numbered 1979. He was Masonically affiliated with the York and Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport, and was a 32° Mason, and member of Lafayette Consistory. He was knighted in Hamilton Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, and was first brought to Masonic light in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M. His fraternal affiliations were exclusively Masonic and those of the Shrine. He was also a well-known clubman, having been a member of the Brooklawn, and New Haven Country Clubs, also of the Algonquin, the Bridgeport Yacht, and New York Yacht Clubs. He was, likewise, secretary and treasurer of the Connecticut League Golf Club. Golf and autoing were his favorite pastimes, and in reading he preferred history and science. His business, from 1882, was that of a manufacturer of machinery; his firm being the Curtis and Curtis Company, of which he was president having established same in 1900.

Noble Curtis was born in New York, May 14, 1860, and received his preliminary education at the Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven. He was married to Louise Wells of Southport. Five children blessed their union, of whom two also have passed from mortal sight. Those surviving are: Edwin Livingston Wells, Louis Perry, and Louisa Wells. His church affiliations were Episcopal, as are those of Mrs. Curtis. The family residence is in Southport, on Pequot Avenue.

C. T. BEARDSLEY, JR.

Member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, A. A. S. R., was received in the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, on September 23, 1889, his being the 398th enrollment in that illustrious body. His allegiance in Masonry was previously given to Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., which he served as master; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, having served as commander in 1898; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, serving as master for the six years ending 1910, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Beardsley was born in Derby, Conn., September 2, 1859, and received an education in the public schools of his native town, graduating from the high school in 1876. He then took a course in the Yale Art School. His father is C. T. Beardsley, Sr., native of Derby, and his mother was Sophia Harris Beardsley of New Haven. He was married in Derby, October 26, 1892, to Mary Amelia May of London, Can., daughter of Capt. Isaac May. Their church affiliations are Congregational and Episcopal, and in politics he is a Republican. He was a member of the Building Commission, with tenure of office 1908-11. He has devoted the past thirty-five years to the application of architectural art in the designing of homes, buildings, and other structures. His business offices are in Bridgeport, at 157 State Street, his residence being at 601 Colorado Avenue, same city.

JOHN S. SHERRY

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 5, 1905, with enrollment 1861, has York Rite degrees conferred by St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He was also made a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret in Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. Noble Sherry was born in Manchester, Eng., on April 7, 1858, and was educated in the public schools of his native city. His parents were John and Elizabeth Riley Sherry, both natives of Dublin, Ire. His wife was Katherine Sarah Brennen. They were married in New York, February 13, 1885, and have four children: John T., Edward James, Fred Robert, and Mabel Anna. In religious belief they are Congregational. His favorite outdoor sport is baseball, and he is an enthusiastic fan. He also enjoys reading scientific literature. Since 1882 he has been connected with the experiment department of the United Machine Company of Bridgeport. His residence is at 38 Hough Avenue, Bridgeport.

JOHN H. DAVIS

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on January 30, 1896, with enrollment 1148, is Masonically affiliated with Day Spring Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Royal Arch Chapter No. 26; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is likewise a member of Yale Conclave No. 244, of the Improved Order of Heptasophs; New Haven Tent No. 9, of the K. O. M., and Sterling Lodge No. 46, of the A. O. U. W. March 28, 1868, marked the date of Noble Davis's birth in Hamden, Conn., and he received a public school education in New Haven. His parents were Samuel and Emily Mansfield Davis, the former native of Stafford Springs, and the latter of Hamden. He has been twice married. His first wife was Jennie G. Holmes of Franklin, N. Y., by whom he has two children, Kathleen, born May 25, 1892, and Marion, September 9, 1893. His present wife was Miss Evelyn S. Collins of Columbia, Conn., daughter of Ex-Senator William A. Collins of Columbia, and Florilla S. Root of Gilead, Conn. They have five children: John Hubbard, Jr., born in 1903; Florilla Root, in 1905; William Collins, 1907; Arline May, 1909, and Raymond Mansfield, 1910. His parents were Episcopal and Congregational, but he has adopted the Christian Science faith, and his wife is likewise a student of the science of Christianity. A true believer in Republicanism, he served in the Connecticut Legislature as representative in 1899. His entire business life has been spent as a market gardener. His business headquarters are at Room 506, Cutler Building, New Haven, and his residence in Hamden.

HENRY T. TOWE

Entered the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple No. 8, on May 8, 1911, with enrollment 2366, his Masonic connections being with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5 K. T. He is, likewise, a member of the Brotherhood of Elks, in Lodge No 36; Konckapotanaugh Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men, and of the Algonquin Club. Noble Towe was born in Lester, Eng., May 9, 1861, receiving an education in the public schools of Bridgeport. His father was William Towe, native of England, and his mother is Mercy C. Collett Towe, also of English birth. He was married in Bridgeport, June 24, 1887, to Hattie Benedict of that city. They have one child, Charles Albert. Though brought up in the Episcopal faith, Noble Towe has espoused Methodism His favorite recreation is fishing. Prior to going into business for himself in 1898, as member of the firm of Towe and Kohlmaier, tailors and haberdashers, located at 981 Main Street, Bridgeport, he was for twenty-one years in the employ of Wilson and Russell, also of Bridgeport. His residence is at 1200 Iraniston Avenue, same city.

JOSEPH GAUNT REDSHAW

One of the old timers of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., was welcomed into its fold on October 26, 1885, as its 160th accession. His Masonic affiliations are with George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 35; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. August 4, 1854, marked the date of Noble Redshaw's birth in Ansonia, Conn., where he attended its high school. His parents, both of English nativity, were John M. and Sarah Gaunt Redshaw. His marriage to Harriet Isabel Riggs, daughter of Haspin and Harriet Upson Riggs, of Seymour, was solemnized in that place, September 18, 1878. They have one son, born March 13, 1888. Although bred in the Methodist faith, he has since espoused Episcopalianism, and Mrs. Redshaw is also an Episcopalian. Noble Redshaw is fond of baseball as a sport. He is president of The Union Blacking Company, Inc., their location being 49 Oxford Street, Lynn, Mass., and his residence is 211 Western Avenue, same city.

MAURICE A. BROWN

Inducted into the mysteries of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 29, 1898, having previously affiliated with Oxoboro Lodge No. 116, A. F. & A. M., of Montville; Union Royal Arch Chapter No. 7; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S M., and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., of New London. Born in Waterford, Conn., July 2, 1851, Noble Brown received an education in his native place, specializing in bookkeeping. His parents were Albert D. and Elizabeth M. Stoddard Brown, the former, born in 1828, in Waterford, and the latter a native of Montville. In Waterford, in December, 1875, he became the husband of Eva I. Church of Uncasville, Conn., daughter of Norman B. and Mary E. Ames Church, both of Montville nativity. They have one son, Harold M., born in April, 1889. His religious affiliations are Baptist, as is also his wife's parents. He enjoys music as a pastime, and his reading is varied. In politics he endorses Democratic principles. From 1860 to 1877 he was engaged in the retail butcher trade with the exception of five years, spent as cashier on the Norwich Line, since that time, he has been a wholesale dealer in meats, fruits, poultry, and vegetables, the location of his business being 232 Washington Street, New York. He resides at Quaker Hill, Conn. Noble Brown has made a good home for his family.

C. HENRY SCHWANER

Belongs to the following Masonic bodies: Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M.; King Solomon R. A. Chapter; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T. He has also received the several degrees of the Scottish Rite from the Norwich bodies, up to and including the thirty-second. His enrollment, No. 1241, in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., dates from December 9, 1897. He is also affiliated with the Odd Fellows of New London, in Pequot Lodge. Noble Schwaner was born in Germany, March 3, 1849, and received his schooling in New York. He was married in Hartford, in June, 1874, to Carrie Lewis of that city. Their five children are, Frederick C., Mary Louise, C. Henry, Jr., Stanley and Franklin. Noble Schwaner has been in the meat and market business in New London for the past forty years, his business location being 40 Main Street, and his residence is 50 Federal Street, same city.

EDGAR E. HAMILTON

Has conducted the Job Printing Company in Danbury, since 1878. His fraternal affiliations are all Masonic, and those of the Shrine, being connected with the following bodies: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M.; Crusader Commandery No 10, K. T., and Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, to which he was admitted May 5, 1903, his enrollment number being 1672.

He was born September 13, 1860, in Danbury, Conn., and received an education in the public schools of his native town. His parents were George N. and Mary E. Thorp Hamilton. He was married June 1, 1887, in Danbury, to Minnie E. Starr, daughter of Harry Starr of Danbury. Their two sons are George E., born February 21, 1892, and Albert E., September 30, 1902.

His religious preference is Congregational. He is devoted to business, and his reading is diversified. He conducts his business at 266 Main Street, his home being at 9 North Street, Danbury.

CHARLES HERMAN GARDNER, M. D.

Received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on January 30, 1896, with enrollment 1149, has Masonic connections with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, P. of J.; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°, of Bridgeport. He has been engaged in the practice of medicine from 1885, having spent ten years in the retail drug business, 1872-82. Noble Gardner was born at Spruce Creek, Penn., September 9, 1856. He attended the Pennsylvania State Normal School, and received his medical education in the University of New York. His father was James Gardner of Rock Spring, Penn., and his mother, Mary Isett Gardner, native of Spruce Creek. He was married in Dwight, Ill., on August 14, 1893, to Sarah M. Clarkson of that place. They had two children: Virginia C., born April 14, 1895, and John S. Isett, born February 26, and passed away March 1, 1901. In religious faith Noble Gardner is a Presbyterian, and Mrs. Gardner, a believer in Methodism. His political beliefs are Republican. He is a student, and keeps in touch with the latest medical works and magazines. He resides at Spruce Creek, Penn., and conducts his practice from that point as a center.

EVERETT E. LORD

A 32° Mason of New Haven, and life member in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., had the Order of the Mystic Shrine conferred on him in Pyramid Temple, on May 27, 1889, with enrollment 390. His other York Rite affiliations are with Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., and Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., his Scottish Rite attachments being with E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. In politics a Republican, in 1895 he served as representative to the House from Killingworth, Conn. His business connection, since 1881, has been that of superintendent in the Sargent Company's foundry. Prior to that, from 1874, having been with A. Terry and Company of Terryville. Noble Lord was born in Killingworth, Conn., April 24, 1856, his parents having been Benjamin and Antoinette Case Lord. He was trained in a military school, and privately tutored to enter Yale University. His wife was Emma Woods of Calais, Me., to whom he was wedded on September 5, 1882. She passed away April 1, 1886, leaving one daughter, Emma Woods. Noble Lord is an attendant at the Congregational Church is a connoisseur of fine art prints, of which he has made a collection, and is on the committee of the State Board, and one of the Sons of the American Revolution. He resides at Hotel Garde, New Haven.

RICHARD H. BRODERICK

No. 1524 by order of enrollment in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was received into its nobility, April 29, 1902, having attained his Masonic, qualifications in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., of which he is past master, and where he has held the office of secretary for many years; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., in which he was exalted February 16, 1892; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., which he has served as deputy master, and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., where he was knighted. The several degrees of the Scottish Rite also came from the Bridgeport bodies, and he was made a 32° Mason in Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. In his lodge of Perfection he has been orator for one year, also for five years in his chapter of Rose Croix. He is a member of the Sea Side Club of Bridgeport. Noble Broderick was born in Accrington, Lancashire, Eng., July 22, 1863, and there received an education. He was interested in the manufacturing line prior to 1900, when he engaged in the fire and life insurance business, now being the representative of the New England Insurance Exchange at 62 Cannon Street, Bridgeport.

CHARLES W. KING

Of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., No. 1764, was created a Shriner on April 25, 1904, having been previously entered, passed and raised in Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; received and greeted in Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and knighted in St Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T. Since March 1, 1890, he has been a contractor and builder with the H. Wales Lines Company of Meriden. Prior to that time he was in the employ of the Charles Parker Company. Noble King is a native of Middlefield, Conn., and was born April 7, 1866, the son of Charles A. and Frances Welch King. On June 10, 1909, he was married in Hartford, to Susie R. Jackson of Plantville, daughter of George and Rose Robinson Jackson. They reside at 221 Cook Avenue, Meriden, and are affiliated with the Universalist body, his upbringing having been in that faith. Noble King holds membership in the Home Club of Meriden.

ROBERT H. BARTON

Of Bridgeport, was admitted to the rank of nobility in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 2, 1902, his enrollment number being 1580. He had previously affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar.

Noble Barton is secretary and treasurer of the Barton Company, shirt manufacturers. He was born in Easthampton, Conn., September 24, 1871, receiving an education in the public schools of his own town, and the Yale Business College in New Haven. He is the son of Edward D. and Marion L. Hall Barton, both natives of Easthampton. His marriage to Anna E. Fox of Bridgeport, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Dorin Fox, was celebrated in that city, on April 14, 1898. Noble and Mrs. Barton attend the Congregational Church, and politically he is a Republican. Hunting, autoing and the reading of historical literature are his favorite diversions, and he is a member of the Algonquin Club. He resides at 18 Elmwood Avenue, and his business address is 445 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport.

WILLIAM A. BARNUM, M. D.

Eclectic and allopathic physician of Danbury, was born in Bethel, Conn., April 9, 1861, and there attended public and academic schools and graduated in 1877 from a military college. His parents are William H. and Lydia Alvord Barnum of Danbury. He was married in New Haven, April 3, 1884, to Henrietta Chambers. They have one daughter, Lydia C. Noble Barnnm was police surgeon of Danbury, having filled that post for seven years. He began the general practice of his profession in Weathersfield, in 1882, and thence removing to Danbury in 1884, he has for the past twenty-seven years been there engaged in general practice. His politics are Republican, and his reading chiefly scientific. He was made a Mason in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., and a Royal Arch Mason in Eureka Chapter No. 23. He is also a member of Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and a warder in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. In addition to his Masonic affiliations, and following same, he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on March 31, 1891, his enrollment in that illustrious body being 342. Both his office and residence are at 24 New Street, Danbury.

ARTHUR B. CALKINS

A 32° Mason, his home consistory Norwich, past master of Brainard Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M., and prelate commander in Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., was received in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 25, 1894, with enrollment 979. He is also an Odd Fellow, an Elk, and a member of the United Workmen, in their respective New London bodies. Of the Times Club, he is vice-president, and a member of John Winthrop Club. He is affiliated with the Democrats and for two succeeding terms—1893 to 1901—he was representative to the Legislature from New London, and from 1910, has been probate judge in New London, which position he continues to fill. The general practice of law has claimed his attention since January, 1889. Noble Calkins was born in East Lyme, Conn., April 20, 1867, and his education was acquired in private schools of his home town. His parents were Daniel and Elizabeth Caulkins Calkins, both having been natives of East Lyme. His marriage to Alfa Barber, of Framingham, Mass., was celebrated in that city, November 5, 1904. Their three children are: Dorothy, Elizabeth, and Clara. His business address is 46 State Street, New London, with residence also in New London.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL EDWIN SMITH

Made a life noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 5, 1903, with enrollment 1686, has York Rite Masonic connections with Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His A. A. S. R. bodies are: E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias in Edgewood Lodge No. 11, Westville; and of the Elks in Lodge No. 25, New Haven. Noble Smith was born in Clarksville, Pike County, Mo., on November 4, 1865, and received an education in the public schools of Nebraska. His parents were Thomas E. and Mary (McQueen) Smith, both of Connecticut birth, in Higganum. He was married in Savannah, Ga., in July, 1894, to Winnie L. Butler. They have one child, Stella M. For nearly a quarter of a century, from 1880, he was captain of sailing vessels, and for the past eight years, has been the proprietor of a hotel at Short Beach. His business address is 288 Elm Street, New Haven, and also Short Beach, while his residence is 49 Goff Street, New Haven.

EDWARD G. FROEB

Created a life noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 18, 1906, with enrollment 2027, has received the York Rite degrees in Masonry in the South Norwalk bodies, and is senior deacon in Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M. He is also a member of Elks Lodge No. 709, and of the Norwalk Fish Club. He enjoys all outdoor sports, especially yachting, and is fond of singing. For the past twelve years he has been engaged in the insurance business in New York City, and his home is at 18 Towe Street, South Norwalk.

JAMES L. BRERETON

Admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on May 13, 1908, with membership No. 2189, has Masonic connections with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Noble Brereton was born in Washington, D. C., February 11, 1863, and there received an education, graduating from high school. His father was Samuel Brereton, and his mother is Sarah A. Ingram Brereton, native of Harrisburg, Penn. He was married at Deep River, Conn., August 26, 1900, to Beda Arnold of that place. Noble Brereton was six years in the Revenue Marine Service, and four years on the Coast Geodetic Survey of the United States Government. Since 1899 he has been assistant manager for the American Graphophone Company of Bridgeport, having been previously their shipping clerk for about three years. He resides at 2532 North Avenue, Bridgport.

JOHN MIGEL ASSUM

Of Stratford, was born in Neustadt, Ger., March 9, 1869, and was educated in Germany, in the public schools of Bromberg. His parents are John George Assum and Madame Hartmann Assum, both of Oberdachstetten, Ger. His marriage to Matilda Reener, daughter of George and Marie Wismieller of Germany, took place in New York City, March 13, 1894. They have two daughters, Tillie and Elsie, and are religiously affiliated, as were his parents, in the Episcopal Church. His Masonic attachments are with the following bodies: St. John's Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. M., in Stratford; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is, likewise, affiliated with the Odd Fellows in Oronoke Lodge No. 90; with the Red Men, in Obenuck Tribe No. 49, and holds membership in the Schwaebescher Mermer Club. Practically all of his working life in this country has been spent in the baking business, having conducted his own bakery in Stratford since 1902. His home is also in Stratford.

WALLACE H. FOOTE

Inducted into the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 5, 1905, with enrollment 1860, has York Rite Masonic degrees from Widow's Son Lodge No. 66, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Foote was born in Branford, Conn., on May 17, 1875, and is a graduate of Yale University, in class of 1897. His parents are William R. Foote, born in Branford, June 3, 1848, and Nettie E. Averill Foote, also of Branford, and born August 22, 1854. He was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., on February 13, 1909, to May Russell, daughter of Isaac and Mary Anna Valentine Russell, the former of Rhinbeck, N. Y., and the latter native of New York City. Noble Foote is of Democratic tendencies, being favorable to Free Trade. His business is that of assistant secretary and treasurer of the Branford Trust Company of Branford.

WILLIAM S. BULLARD

A 32° Mason, and connected with all of the Bridgeport bodies, was made a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 30, 1891, his enrollment in that body having been 1844. The business which he inaugurated in 1888, and for twenty-two years conducted as proprietor, was on May 23, 1910, incorporated under the corporate name of the Bullard Roofing and Constructing Company, with him as its president. Formerly, 1882-4, he had been West Shore Inspector of Buildings from New York to Buffalo. From 1884 to 1888 he served as general manager for the New York Paving and Contracting Company in Washington, D. C. Prior to that he was superintendent and landscape architect of Evergreen Cemetery, 1870-72, in partnership with his father in the landscape business; his father in turn had been partner of Fred Law Olmstead, the great landscape artist. The late Noble Bullard was born in the old Bullard Homestead at West Sutton, Mass., on September 11, 1844, and attended the schools of Lenox, Mass. In February, 1862, he entered the army, with rank of first lieutenant in the medical department, and was enrolled major in the First New Orleans Heavy Artillery, but was never mustered in. His parents were Oliver C. and Sarah J. Hartwell Bullard. He was twice married: in Baltimore, Md., in 1867, to Hannah Kettlewell, and in 1879, to Ella Belcher of Brooklyn, N. Y. On October 4, 1910, Noble Bullard left his earthly habitations and loved ones, daughter, Elizabeth Belcher, and lamenting brother nobles, to join the invisible caravan to that Temple "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." His religious affiliations were Episcopal, in which faith he was bred. He had not only attained a capacity for hard work, but also a love for it. His daughter resides in East Meadows, Litchfield, Conn.

EDWARD H. BURGESS

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, on November 23, 1908, with enrollment 2212, received his preparatory York Rite degrees in Memphremagog Lodge No. 65, A. F. & A. M., in Newport, Vt., Cleveland Chapter No. 20, R. A. M., in Newport, Vt., and Malta Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, of Newport, Vt., from which he dimitted to affiliate himself with Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., in New Haven, and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. In 1891 Noble Burgess became one of the firm of the Ezra D. Fogg Company, wholesale dealers in lumber, and on February 26, 1903, he was appointed president and treasurer of the concern. Their business location is 178 Golfe Street, New Haven, and Noble Burgess resides at 411 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven.

WILLET H. KELLOGG

Received into the ranks of the nobility of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 15, 1900, is therein enrolled as 1374. His York Rite degrees were conferred by Adelphi Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M., in which he was high priest in the year 1900; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He has also received the A. A. S. R. degrees up to the eighteenth, from the New Haven bodies, the nineteenth to the thirty-second coming from Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is enrolled in the Knights Templar and Young Men's Republican Clubs, and is connected with the Heptasophs. His political affiliations are with the Republican Party, and his business address, 10 River Street, New Haven. He resides at 986 Quinnipiac Avenue, same city.

MILTON ELMWOOD

Past commander in Clinton Commandery No. 3, K. T., and in the Scottish Rite bodies, a member of: DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Subsequently, on May 5, 1903, he was admitted to Pyramid Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, and enrolled as No. 1637. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows in Butler Lodge, South Norwalk, and of Colfax Encampment.

Noble Elmwood has been manager of the M. H. Glover Shoe Store, for the past twenty-one years. Prior to that he was a traveling salesman in the shoe business. He was born in Southport, Conn., August 29, 1865. His parents were Frederick and Charlotte Lockwood, both of Westport. He was married in Orono, Me., December 4, 1894, to Nettie A. Rowell of that place, daughter of W. H. and Hannah McDumah Rowell.

His business address is 122 Washington Street, South Norwalk, and he resides at 10 Rowan Street, East Norwalk.

DANIEL W. ELWELL

Of Danbury, received his Master Mason degree in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in Danbury, serving as present treasurer in that body, and as high priest in Eureka Royal Arch Chapter No. 23; recorder in Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and standard bearer in Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He was subsequently admitted to Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on December 1, 1903, the number of his enrollment in that body being 1697. He started his business career in 1888, as a dealer in life and accident insurance, continuing in that line for fifteen years, till 1903, when he tried the hat industry for three years, and then determining to launch out for himself, in 1908 he organized the Elwell Farming Company, a grocery business, of which he is the proprietor.

Noble Elwell was born in Danbury, March 4, 1863, and attended the public schools of his native place. His parents are Samuel H. and Deborah Farmer Elwell, both of South Eastern New York. He was married in Danbury, May 25, 1882, to Ida Sherwood, daughter of Bradley C. and Fanny M. Treadwell Sherwood, both natives of Easton. They have three children: Wilbur J., born September 24, 1884; Mabel R., March 2, 1887, and Ida C., December 28, 1903.

His religious affiliations and those of his parents are Congregational. His favorite sport is rifle-shooting, and he is president of the National Rifle Association. His business address is, 38 Wooster Street, Danbury, and he has his residence at 39 Park Avenue, same city.

FRANK P. HYDE

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was received into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple No. 8, oasis of Bridgeport, on April 9, 1897, and therein enrolled 1226, having Masonic connections with Annawon Lodge No. 115, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., in which he was commander in 1909, and the several Scottish Rite bodies in New Haven, his consistorial degree having been conferred by Lafayette, S. P. R. S. of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club. Noble Hyde was born in New Haven, Conn., September 11, 1864, and there graduated from the high school. His parents were E. P. and Carrie W. Higby Hyde, the former of Youngstown, N. Y., and the latter of New Haven. His marriage to Nellie Hardy, of Bridgeport, took place in that city, on June 6, 1901. They have two children: Bruce Porter, and Barbara Leigh. He is a member of the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guard, being second sergeant. For two years he was connected with N. T. Bushnell and Company, but since March 5, 1883, has been traveling salesman for the C. S. Mersick Company of State Street, New Haven. He resides at 366 Union Avenue, New Haven.

JOHN CLULEE

Born in London, Eng., February 9, 1865, received his schooling in Providence, R. I. His father was Henry Clulee of Birmingham, Eng., and his mother, also of English birth, is Harriet Rudge Clulee. His business is that of factory foreman for the Malleable Iron and Steel Company of Wallingford, having filled that post since 1891. He was with the R. Wallace Company of Wallingford, 1882-90. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, and he is a member of the Wallingford Club.

He is a 32° Mason, having joined in succession, Compass Lodge No. 9, A F. & A. M.; Wallingford R. A. Chapter; Meriden Council R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., of which he has been warden; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, P. of J.; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. In addition to his Masonic affiliations, he is a member of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, having been received into its nobility on April 27 1899, his enrollmen therein being 1330.

He resides at 123 Church Street, Wallingford.

FRED D. HOTCHKISS

Of Ansonia, was born in that city, June 10, 1869. His father was Lockwood Hotchkiss, also of Ansonia, and his mother is Augusta Johnson Hotchkiss. His Masonic connections are with George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 4, R. A. M., in which he is high priest; Union Council, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T.; the A. A. S. R. bodies of New Haven, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory of Bridgeport. He was received in the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, through the portals of Pyramid Temple, on April 29, 1898, as member No. 1277. Since 1891, he has been clerk for the Hotchkiss Hardware Company, at 152 Main Street, Ansonia. His home is 158 North State Street, also in that city.

ALFRED J. SHIPLEY

Received through the medium of his Masonic connections into the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A .A. O. N. M. S., on November 24, 1890, with enrollment 552, is a past master in Harmony Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M., in Waterbury; past high priest in Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 22, in Waterbury; a member of Waterbury Council No. 21, R. & S. M.; past commander of Clark Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, in Waterbury; past most wise master and charter member in Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix, also charter member in both Doric Lodge of Perfection and Ionic Council of Princes of Jerusalem, all of Waterbury, and member of Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. He is, likewise, an Odd Fellow in Nosahogan Lodge No. 21, in Waterbury; is ex-president of the Waterbury Masonic Club; in 1879 and 1880 was elected alderman by the Republican Party; served on the Board of Finance, 1881-83; in 1895 on the Board of Education; was a member of the Scientific Society in 1899, and prior to his retirement from business in 1900, was forty-five years a mechanical superintendent of machinery. Noble Shipley was born in Waterbury, Conn., on New Year's Day, 1840, and there received a public school education. His parents were Joseph and Sarah James Shipley, both natives of Birmingham, Eng., and his wife, to whom he was married on August 20, 1862, was Ann J. Robinson of Waterbury. They are of Baptist affiliation, and he was brought up in that faith. His favorite reading is history. He resides at 39 Coe Street Waterbury.

JOHN J. BOOTH

Crossed the burning sands and entered Pyramid Temple, Ancient Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, oasis of Bridgeport, on June 6, 1907, his Masonic connections being with King Hiram Lodge No. 13, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon's Chapter No. 9, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. A. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is a past grand in Housatonic Lodge No. 6, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Derby, and is a member of the Business Men's Association of Shelton. Noble Booth was born in Batley, Yorkshire, Eng., April 27, 1868, and attended the public schools of his native city. His father was James Booth of Batley, and his mother is Jane Elizabeth (Newsome) Booth, also of English birth. In Shelton, Conn., on October 17, 1896, he was united in marriage with Estelle Davis of that place, and they have one son, Nelson Davis. Noble Booth is of the Methodist persuasion, and his upbringing was also in that faith. For the past twenty years he has been engaged in the blacksmith and carriage manufacturing business, and since 1911, has had an agency for the Maxwell automobiles. His business address is 13-17 Housatonic Avenue, Derby, and his residence, 65 Hill Street, Shelton.

GEORGE E. HOLDEN

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on December 9, 1896, and therein enrolled 1206, his certificate bearing No. 41385, is a York Rite Mason, and received his degrees from George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He entered the employ of Wallace & Sons in 1880, remaining with them until their failure in 1894, during which time he acted in the capacity of foreman in their brass rolling department. His present address is, 22 West Main Street, Norwalk.

AYMER J. BEECHER

Created a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on May 5, 1905, is therein enrolled 1847. His York Rite degrees were received from Wooster Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is, likewise, connected with Hancock Lodge No 28, of the I. O. O F., in Meriden; and as a clubman holds membership in the Knights Templar, Union League, Auto and American Clubs, all of New Haven. Noble Beecher was born in Waterbury, Conn., February 10, 1872, and was educated in the public schools of Cleveland, O., taking the academic course, and in the Shaw Business College of that city. His father is John H. Beecher, and his mother was Mary B. Sackett Beecher. He was reared as a Congregationalist, but has espoused the Methodist faith. On October 10, 1897, he was married in Newark, N. J., to E Louise Melick of that city, and they have one child, Mary Scudder. For the past twenty years, Noble Beecher has been a traveling salesman for the Murphy Varnish Company of Newark, N. J. Fishing and autoing are his favorite pastimes, and history is his preference in reading. His residence is at 40 Huntington Avenue, New Haven.

CHARLES HENRY REED WILLIAMS

Of Bridgeport, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., April 17, 1884, and there received an education, which concluded in 1903, with a three years' course in the high school. In 1908 and '09 he was a student in Yale Law School. He is united in Masonry in St. Johns Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, and Washington Council, P. of J. He is also a member of the Red Men in Wowampum Tribe No. 40, in Bridgeport, and in politics is an Independent. He is fond of autoing and all outdoor sports, also of fiction and historical reading, and was brought up in the Congregational faith. His father was George Williams of Bridgeport, and his mother is Isabella Frazer Williams. He is unmarried. In 1910 he entered the box department in the Warner Brothers' factory, in Bridgeport, and is there employed. His home is also in Bridgeport, at 638 East Main Street.

JAMES NELSON WISE

Entered Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 9, 1897, with enrollment 1260. His Masonic connections are with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He also holds membership with the I. O. O. F., in Housatonic Lodge No. 6. He was in the confectionery and baking business from 1876, but retired in 1910. His first ten or twelve years in that line were spent in New Haven, and the remainder in Bridgeport. Noble Wise was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., November 9, 1846, and there received a public school education. His parents were Daniel and Rosina Rose Wise, both of East Esup, N. Y. He was married to Sarah F. Johnson of Norwalk, in that city, in 1871. His religious affiliations are Episcopal, as were those of his parents. He resides at 262 Elizabeth Street, Derby.

JAMES W. SWEET, JR.

Became a noble of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1546, having been duly qualified as a Mason in Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin R A. Chapter No 2; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven. Noble Sweet was born in New Haven, Conn., March 3, 1881, and there received a public school education. His father was Dr. James W. Sweet of Milford, Conn., and his mother is Emmeline Barber Sweet of Germantown, Penn. He was married in New Haven, to Susie L. Gallagher, on June 27, 1907. Fishing and hunting are his favorite pastimes. For fifteen years he was engaged in the drug business in Milford, Conn., and Elkhart, Ind., but since 1899 he has devoted himself to the setting of bones, as a profession. He resides at 22 Court Street, New Haven.

CLIVE B. VINCENT

Of Torrington, was born in Oriskany, N. Y., March 27, 1863.

His home Masonic lodge is in the State of Minnesota, Cataract No. 2; his chapter, Cyrus No. 45; his council, R. & S. M., Buell, No. 20, and his commandery, Clark No. 7, in Waterbury. He has also received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Waterbury bodies, up to the thirty-second, which was conferred by Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport. For fifteen years he has been an officer in the Governing Board of the Torrington Club. He is, too, a member of the Greenwoods Country Club.

His business is that of secretary of the Excelsior Needle Company, having been so appointed in 1901.

His parents, both natives of New York State, were John T. and C. B. Dean Vincent. January 30, 1901, he was married to Jennie E. Hotchkiss of Torrington. He is an attendant at the services of the Episcopal Church, and golf and tennis are his favorite pastimes. The business of his firm is conducted from 59 Field Street, Torrington, and his home is at 67 Forest Street.

EDGAR J. SOULE

Admitted to membership in Pyramid Temple of the A. A. O. N. M. S., and therein ennobled on May 8, 1911, with enrollment 2364, bears Masonic allegiance to St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. Noble Soule was born in Kent, Conn., May 14, 1871, receiving a public school education in his native town. His parents were Edgar and Sarah Wheeler Soule, both having been natives of Dover, N. Y. He was married in his native town, on March 25, 1891, to Louise M. Lineburg, also of Kent. They have three children: Howard S., Dorothy Louise and Elizabeth M. He is a Presbyterian and was brought up in that faith. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports. Since 1881 he has been manager of the Bridgeport business of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, at 1183 Main Street, Bridgeport. His home is at 9 Wood Avenue, same city.

J. MOSS IVES

On the staffs of Governors Woodruff, Lilley and Weeks, 1907-09, 1909-10, as judge advocate; prosecuting attorney 1907-09, and corporation counsel of the city of Danbury for seven years, having begun his professional career scarcely ten years earlier, in 1899. Noble Ives was born in Danbury, Conn., February 5, 1876. His father was George E. Ives, native of Danbury, and his mother is Mary Parmalee Ives. He was married on December 5, 1900, to Minnie L. Goodman of Worcester, Mass. They have five sons: Richard G., Brewster, Moss White, Walter Bigelow, and Chester B. His Masonic bodies are: Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in which he was raised; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23, where he was exalted; and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., having there been knighted. Through the medium of the latter he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on March 9, 1910, his enrollment in that body being 2286. He is a member of the law firm of Ives and Keating in Danbury, and also has his residence in Danbury.

WILLIAM E. LAMPHERE

A 32° Mason of Mystic, and also a noble of Pyramid Temple, was received into that body of the Mystic Shrine, on May 24, 1894, with membership 985. He is a past master in Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72, A. F. & A. M.; a past high priest in Benevolence Chapter No. 21, R. A. M.; is a member of Mystic Council No. 29, R. & S. M., and of Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T., in which he is also a past guard. He has received all of the Scottish Rite degrees, and is, likewise, connected with the Odd Fellows of Mystic, in Stonington Lodge No. 26; with the Knights of Pythias, and the Improved Order of Red Men of New London, in Nonawantic Tribe No. 42; also with the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Mystic. Noble Lamphere was born in Mystic, Conn., October 11, 1850, and was educated in the public schools of his home town. He was the son of Thomas W. Lamphere of Westerly, R. I., and Sarah S. Brown Lamphere of Groton. His life was united in marriage with that of Elsie J. Park of Mystic on October 8, 1875. They have two children: William E., Jr., and Cassie E. For a quarter of a century, from 1885, he was engaged in the express business, retiring from active work in 1910. His favorite sport is catching lively fish. He adheres to the Baptist faith, and in reading prefers history. His residence in Mystic, is at 6 Broadway.

HENRY HOYT PERRY

Of Southport, became a noble of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on March 23, 1885, and his enrollment in that body is 126. His Masonic affiliations previously made are with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is also a member of the following A. A. S. R. bodies: DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, 32°, all of Bridgeport, and is also connected with Pequonnock Lodge, and Stratford Encampment of the Odd Fellows of the same place; is a member of the Bridgeport Yacht Club of Black Rock, and of the B. C. & M. M. R. Club of Southport. Noble Perry was born in Southport, December 8, 1849, the son of Oliver H. and Harriet E. Hoyt Perry. He was twice married, his first wife having been Florence P. Sanborn, to whom he was married September 9, 1875. Isabel H. Douglas Perry became his second wife on August 29, 1883. He has two children: Caroline Sanborn Perry, born July 14, 1876, and Oliver H. Perry, born February 17, 1878, who passed away November 30, 1899. Noble Perry is a Republican, and is an adherent of the Congregational faith. His favorite pastimes are hunting and fishing, and of literary works, he prefers those of Dickens, Scott and Trollope. From March 1, 1882, he was interested in the fire insurance business, and was teller in the Southport Savings Bank until January 1, 1911, when he was appointed secretary and treasurer of that institution. He also resides in Southport.

ARTHUR F. HEMINGWAY

Created a noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple, on December 14, 1904, with enrollment 1809, has Masonic affiliations with Adelphi Lodge No 63, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. For the past thirty years he has been connected with the New Haven Water Company, and in 1892 was appointed assistant treasurer of that corporation. Noble Hemingway was born in "Elm City" on July 19, 1857, and there received an education, graduating from the high school in 1877. His father, Charles W. Hemingway, has passed away, and his mother is Delia Huntley Hemingway, native of New Haven. He is a member of the Pilgrim Church. Traveling is his favorite pastime. His residence is at 182 Cold Spring Street, New Haven. His business address is 100 Crown Street, New Haven.

ANDREW WAGNER

Enrolled as a Mason in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, attained his membership in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in the class of December 9, 1907, with membership 2145. Since 1906 he has been one of the owners in the business of the New Machine Company, and prior to that was superintendent for the company, and did special work as a machinist. Noble Wagner was born in Wurzburg, Ger., July 19, 1859, the son of John E. and Agatha Assam Wagner, both having been of German birth. On June 6, 1885, his marriage to Teresa F. Young, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Parcin Young of Danbury, took place in New York City. Historical and scientific reading are his favorite diversions, and he resides at 3 Balmforth Street, Danbury, while his business address is 20 Crosby Street, same city.

JOHN C. BELTAIRE

Of Danbury, treasurer of the Beltaire Hat Company from 1908, and for eight years prior to that one of the firm of the Beltaire Bros. and Company, hat manufacturers, was born in Danbury, Conn., September 23, 1866. His father is M. H. Beltaire, a native of Paterno, Sicily, and his mother, Carrie Stone Beltaire, was born in Danbury.

He was brought to light in Masonry, in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23; admitted to the ninth arch in Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T. Subsequently, in the class of December 10, 1901, he was admitted to the Order of the Mystic Shrine, through Pyramid Temple, his membership as a noble in that body being 1490.

He enjoys all outdoor sports and general reading. The business of his corporation is conducted at 435 Main Street, Danbury, and he resides at 400 Main Street.

FREDERICK WELLS PARROTT

Made a noble in Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on June 24, 1887, with enrollment number 241, has Masonic connections previously made with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°.

For the past thirty-six years, from 1875, he has been connected with the Parrott Varnish Company, of Bridgeport, and for twenty years, since 1891, has been the secretary and treasurer of that company. His political views are Republican.

Noble Parrott was born in Bridgeport, Conn., July 17, 1855, and received an education in Norwalk. His father is Henry R. Parrott of Bridgeport, and his mother, Anna J. Garland Parrott, native of Boston, Mass. In 1903, he was married in New York City, to Miss Bessie Belyea of St. Johns, N. B., Can., daughter of Caleb Belyea of that place. Their church affiliations are Congregational. Baseball is his favorite outdoor sport, and his business address is 453 North Washington Avenue, Bridgeport. He also resides in Bridgeport, at 290 Golden Hill Street.

JAMES A. GILLIES

A 32° Mason and pilgrim from New Haven, crossed the hot sands, and reaching the oasis of Bridgeport, and sacred precincts of Pyramid Temple, was received into its nobility on December 2, 1902, with enrollment 1586. His York Rite degrees came from King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 9, in Derby; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his degrees of the Scottish Rite from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory. He is also a member of the Knights Templar and Union League Clubs. Noble Gillies came to Connecticut from Detroit, Mich., in 1897, to accept a position as traveling salesman with a concern in Derby, and remaining with them one year, he accepted a better position with a firm in New York City. About a year later he went to New Haven, and in 1903 became vice president and secretary of the Ezra D. Fogg Company. During the winter months Noble Gillies lives at 294 Norton Street, New Haven, but in the summer he is usually found walking over the "hot sands" of his farm in Hamden.

LOUIS H. PERKINS

A York Rite Mason of Meriden, Conn., entered the A. A. O. N. M. S., via Pyramid Temple on April 30, 1901, with a membership of 1445. He bears Masonic allegiance to Meridian Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., having served three years as its recorder.

JOHN R. RUFF

A York Rite Mason of New Haven, became a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on January 27, 1890, with enrollment 439. His Masonic affiliations are with Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. Noble Ruff was born in New Britain, Conn., January 5, 1858, and was educated in the public schools of New Haven. He was the son of John and Mary Ray Ruff, the former of Germany, and the latter of Switzerland, and he was married in New Haven on January 5, 1881, to Elizabeth Sutter of that place. They have five children: Emma L., John S., Augustus L., Walter H., and Marion. Sailing is his favorite pastime. For twenty-seven years he was in the hardware business, but in 1900 he became bookkeeper for Jacob Ruppert, the brewer, at 87 Commerce Street, New Haven. His residence is on Whitney Avenue, at 783.

WALLACE S. MOYLE, ESQ.

A 32 Mason and grand junior steward of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, also president of the Masonic Charity Foundation of this State, was created a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 27, 1899, and enrolled 1349. He is a past master in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; received his capitular degrees in Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; was admitted to the ninth arch in Harmony Council, No. 8, R. & S. M.; is a past commander in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and a member of the New Haven bodies of the Scottish Rite, and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. His club interests are confined to the Knights Templar. Prior to his legal practice, which dates from 1893, he was, for some years, in the stone-cutting business. Noble Moyle is a well-known singer, having been before the New Haven public for the past quarter century. A Republican in politics, he served his city in 1900 as alderman of the Eleventh Ward. He is the son of John and Elizabeth Lee Moyle of England, where he was born May 19, 1867, in the town of Devonport. He was, however, educated in this country, in the public schools of Hyde Park, Mass., Phillips Andover Academy and Yale University and Law School. While a student at Yale he was on the football team, and in the Glee Club. His wife, Clara B. Adams, is a native of New Haven, where they were married November 26, 1896. Their children are Wallace A., Edgerton L., and Elizabeth W., and they live at 28 Woolsey Street, New Haven. He conducts the business of his profession at No. 414 Exchange Building, New Haven.

FOREST L. SHERWIN

Of New Haven, was born in Mendon, Vt., August 21, 1864, receiving an education in the public schools of his native city.

His parents are Harlan P. and Ellen V. Gibson, both Vermonters, and both Congregationalists.

He was married in Rutland, Vt., September 1, 1894, to Grace E. Munger of that place. They have one son, Raymond D., born in New Haven, Conn., May 28, 1896.

He is a manufacturer of monuments, having been engaged in that business since 1894. His Masonic attachments are with Rutland Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Davenport Royal Arch Chapter No. 79; Davenport Council No. 12, Royal and Select Masters, all in Rutland, Vt.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., Rutland, Vt., and Rutland (Vt.) Lodge of Perfection. On December 9, 1907, he was admitted to the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, oasis of Bridgeport, his enrollment number being 2125. His business address is 902 Chapel Street, New Haven, and he resides at 179 Ellsworth Street, same city.

WILLIAM H. PRESTON

A 32° Mason and No. 1357 in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, was therein enrolled on December 27, 1899. His York Rite degrees were received in Hiram Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council No. 19, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his A. A. S. R. degrees came from the New Haven bodies and Lafayette Consistory of Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Knights Templar and Young Men's Republican Clubs, and of Sons of the American Revolution. He votes the Republican ticket, and was registrar of vital statistics in New Haven, 1896-98. For over twenty years he has been interested in the commercial and manufacturing industry, and in 1900 became associated with the Connecticut Adamant Plaster Company. Noble Preston is a native of Bridgeport, and was born February 12, 1852, receiving an education in public and private schools of his home city. His business address is 8-14 River Street, New Haven, and his residence, 197 Blatchley Avenue, same city.

ROBERT SPENCER

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., April 27, 1899, his enrollment in that body being numbered 1322. He is a 32° Mason, and affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., having served as senior deacon in 1904; Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He received the several degrees of the Scottish Rite in Bridgeport, including the 32°, which was bestowed on him by Lafayette Consistory, in which he also holds membership. He is, likewise, a member of Adelphia Lodge of the Odd Fellows in Bridgeport.

He has been actively interested in the insurance business for the past thirty years, and since 1890, has been superintendent of the John Hancock Insurance Company.

Of English birth and parentage, Noble Spencer was born in Manchester, June 1, 1851. His father was Robert Spencer of Derbyshire, and his mother was Ellen Connell of Kent. His marriage to Jane Smith of Manchester, Eng., was celebrated in that city. They have three daughters: Jessie, Elizabeth and Maybelle. He was brought up an Episcopalian, and adheres to that faith. Baseball is his favorite sport, and his reading is chiefly scientific.

He resides in Bridgeport, and his business connections are also in Bridgeport, at 38 Fairfield Avenue.

GEORGE A. MATHEWS

Ennobled in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 25, 1891, his membership being 668, is Masonically affiliated with Columbian Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Boston, Mass.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., all of New Haven. He is also a member of the Union League Club of New Haven. Noble Mathews was born in Boston, Mass., March 8, 1844, and was there educated. He was a pianoforte manufacturer from 1857 until 1872, when he became proprietor of the New Haven Paper Company at 15 Orange Street, New Haven. His residence is 726 Orange Street, same city.

SNYDER J. GAGE

Instructor in Newburgh Free Academy, Newburgh, N. Y., was born in Johnstown, N. Y., April 23, 1877. He received a classical education in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and graduated from the Albany Normal College, Albany, N. Y. His parents are William F. and Carrie Snyder Gage. He was married in Mystic, in 1907, to Emma L., daughter of W. Herbert and Louise Allen Lamb of that Connecticut town, and their two children are: Louise Allen, born April 2, 1908, and Harriet Snyder, May 17, 1909. Noble and Mrs. Gage are both Baptists, though he was educated in the Episcopal faith. He entered the Mystic Shrine through Pyramid Temple, on December 14, 1904, his membership card bearing number 1803. His preparatory Masonic attainments were in the following bodies: Charity and Relief Lodge No. 72, A. F. & A. M.; Benevolence Royal Arch Chapter No. 21; Mystic Council No. 29, R. & S. M., all of the foregoing in Mystic, and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T. in New London. The Scottish Rite degrees he received in the Norwich bodies. His political faith is in Republican principles. His address is Newburgh Free Academy, Newburgh, N. Y.

CHARLES MARTINEZ

No. 1370 in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., to which he was admitted on December 27, 1899, became eligible to membership in that illustrious body through his Masonic connection, having been previously knighted in New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. His Masonic membership also includes: Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M.; Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35, and George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M. He is likewise a member of the Knights Templar Club of New Haven; of Naugatuck Lodge of the Odd Fellows; Ansonia Lodge No. 24, of the Knights of Pythias; Improved Order of Heptasophs, Lodge No. 317, and the Connecticut Commercial Association.

For the past thirty-four years Noble Martinez has been actively interested in the A. Martinez Cigar Manufactory, and since 1903, he has been manager of the estate of his late father, Andrew B. Martinez, who was a native of Malaga, Spain, and who established and owned that business.

Noble Martinez was born in Suffield, Conn., August 22, 1860, and received his schooling in his native town. He was married, May 26, 1887, in New Haven, to Adelaide A. Knapp of Stamford. Their three children are: Charles J., Woodman and Ethel J. Their religious affiliations are Congregational, as were those of his mother.

His business address is 164 Main Street, Ansonia, and his home is at 37 Mott Street, same town.

FRANK PHELPS

Was admitted to the ranks of Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 26, 1892, with membership 845. His Masonic qualifications were attained in George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 35, R. A. M.; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T. He is also a member of Harmony Lodge No. 27, of the Knights of Pythias; of the New England Order of Protection, and of the Red Men. Noble Phelps is a native of Torrington, Conn., and was born January 13, 1852, receiving an education in the public schools of his native town. His parents were James S. and Saraphina Phelps, the former of Litchfield, and the latter of Stonington. He was married in Waterbury July 10, 1871, to Nettie E. Wooster of that city. They have two children: Edward W. and Mabel E., and are attendants at the Baptist Church. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes. Noble Phelps has been foreman in the brass casting department of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company for the past fourteen years, and previously, for nine years, was connected with the firm of Wallace & Son, manufacturers of brass and copper goods. He has also been with the Coe Brass Company, and J. Da Vol and Company, the former of Torrington, and the latter of Brooklyn, N. Y. His business address is Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, while his residence, also in New Haven, is at 1210 Dixwell Avenue.

ERNEST G. SOUTHEY

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, was ennobled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 13, 1909, with enrollment 2257. His Masonic attachments are with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council of Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, all in Bridgeport. He is also a member of the Bridgeport Yacht Club; the Sea Side Club; Bridgeport Business Men's Association; Bridgeport Board of Trade, and American Institute of Architects. He has been practicing his profession, that of architecture, in Bridgeport, for the past twelve years. Noble Southey was born in Thomaston, Conn., on January 23, 1874, and received a public school education in Bridgeport, which was supplemented by a special course in the P. A. I. Preparatory School, also in Bridgeport. His parents were John W. and Elizabeth Martin Southey, both of English nativity. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, and he also derives enjoyment from scientific and political reading. His business address is 983 Broad Street, his residence being 270 French Street, Bridgeport.

HON. CHARLES S. PECK

Entered Pyramid Temple November 23, 1908, his enrollment number in that body being 2224. He is connected with Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons; Wooster Council No. 28, Royal and Select Masters, and Crusader Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Progressive Lodge I. O. O. F., and Pahquoique Council, O. U. A. M. Senator Peck is affiliated with the Republican Party, which elected him to his present office of State Senator in 1908, also 1910. He was alderman from 1890 to 1892; mayor of Danbury, from 1892 to 1894, and a member of the General Assembly in 1897.

He has been a manufacturer of furs since 1898, but prior to his entering that business, was engaged in the manufacture of hatters' machines.

Noble Peck was born in Yonkers, N. Y., September 22, 1853, and removed to Bridgewater, Conn., receiving his education in the public schools of that town. He was the son of Sidney S. Peck of Bethel, and Mary Jane Wildman Peck of Bridgewater. He was married on June 3, 1873, to Martha F. Clark, daughter of Ezra and Maria Barnum Clark, both of Danbury, one child having been born to them on June 3, 1876, Sidney C.

They are Methodists. He enjoys business and politics, and the reading of historical, political, and scientific works. His business address is 21-28 Rose Street, and he resides at 12 Farview Avenue, Danbury.

HENRY G. JOHNSON

Masonically attached to Trumbull Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, in which he is assistant recorder, was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, on December 10, 1900, with membership No. 1411. He votes the Democratic ticket, and since 1906 has been a clerk in the tax collector's office. For thirteen and a half years prior to entering his present position, he was clerk for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company in its motive power department. Noble Johnson was born in West Springfield, Mass., May 3, 1877, and received an education in the public schools of New Haven, which was supplemented by a special course in bookkeeping in the Yale Business College. His father is Henry M. Johnson, and his mother was Hattie A Wheaton Johnson. He was married in New Haven on March 8, 1901, to Maud E. Rice of that city. They have four children: Gladys H., Edward K., Howard A., and Henry G., Jr. Noble Johnson is an Episcopalian, and he was reared in that faith. Baseball is his favorite sport. His business address is City Hall, New Haven, and he resides at 122 Rosette Street, New Haven.

THEODORE H. SMITH

Of Bethel, was born in Bethel, Conn., November 26, 1861. He attended the grammar schools of his native town, and the Danbury High School. His parents are Frank W. and Samantha Seeley Smith of Bethel. His father was born in 1829, and is still working for Baird & Undiedt Company, and his mother, who was born in 1830, is also well and strong. They hope to round out the century. June 1, 1886, he was married to Minnie B. Barber of Bethel, daughter of Dr. Alvin E. and Julia A. Birges Barber. They have two children: Pauline B., born May 3, 1889, and Clinton S., October 1, 1891.

His religion, also that of his parents, is Congregational, and in political matters, he is a Republican. Hunting, fishing and traveling are favored pastimes.

In Masonry, he is enrolled in Eureka Lodge No. 83, A. F. & A. M.; Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23; Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., in which he is second tenor in the Temple Quartette. He is also a member of the Mystic Shrine, having entered that body through Pyramid's portals on December 2, 1902, his number being 584, and he also belongs to the Masonic Club in Bethel. For two terms he was a member of the Bethel School Board, and was four years tax assessor in Bethel. He has spent the whole of his working life, since 1882, in the hat industry, the first eighteen years of which, he was associated with his father in the manufacture of hats in Bethel. The nine years following he was superintendent in the stiff hat department of the Baird & Undiedt Company, and for the past two years he has been with the Lee McLaughlin Hat Company of Danbury. His home is at 12 Milwaukee Avenue.

WILLIAM D. NELSON

Made a noble in Pyramid Temple of the A. A. O. N. M. S., on November 27, 1905, with enrollment 1891, his Masonic connections with Union Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M.; Union Chapter No. 7, R. A. M.; Cushing Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery No. 6, K. T. He is also affiliated with Mohegan Lodge No. 55, and Orion Encampment No. 4, of the I. O. O. F.; is clerk of White Oak Camp No. 10608, Modern Woodmen of America; secretary of the Ockford Hose Company No. 5, and affiliated with Lodge No. 344 of the Loyal Order of Moose. His occupation is that of an iron moulder Noble Nelson was born in Gothenburg, Sweden, December 11, 1873 and received an education in his native town. His parents were also of Swedish birth and Lutheran faith, his mother being Hannah Nelson. Noble Nelson has, however, espoused Congregationalism. Baseball is his favorite outdoor sport. He resides at 29 Viets Street, New London.

WALTER LATIMER

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on December 10, 1896, the number of his enrollment in that body being 1192. In Masonry, he is affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also connected with Pequonnock Lodge, of the Odd Fellows in Bridgeport, and with the Eagles in Danbury.

Noble Latimer was born in New York, on October 30, 1860, and attended the public schools of his native place. His father was Edward C. Latimer, also of New York. On November 22, 1882, he was married to Annie Tillotson, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth Bloomer Tillotson, both of Brewster, N. Y.

His business is that of inspector of plumbing for the Brazilian Government at Pernambuco, Brazil. Baseball and political reading are his favorite recreations, and he attends the Episcopal Church, while his parents were of the Methodist persuasion. His former home was in Bridgeport, where he conducted his own plumbing business. His present address is Pernambuco, Brazil, Hotel d'Europe.

ERASTUS W. SCOTT, JR.

Enrolled in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 21, 1891, with enrollment 678, is Masonically connected with Moriah Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; Warren Chapter No. 12, R. A. M.; Montgomery Council No. 2, R. & S. M., all of Danielson; and Columbian Commandery No. 4, K. T.; King Solomon Lodge of Perfection; Van Rensselaer Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Norwich Chapter of Rose Croix, and Connecticut Consistory, all of Norwich. Noble Scott is a native of Woonsocket, R. I., and was born May 2, 1857, receiving his education in schools of Providence. He was the son of Erastus W. Scott, Sr., and Abby F. Pray. His marriage to M. Louise Fitch in Attleboro, Mass., occurred on February 28, 1895. They are Episcopalians, and are enrolled in Trinity Church of Norwich. He is a manufacturer of whip sockets, and since 1867 has been secretary and treasurer of the E. W. Scott Company—America's Exclusive Whip Socket Works. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Phoenix Building Company, Inc., the location of both enterprises being in Danielson, where he also resides. On the social side of business he is a member of the Carriage, Harness and Accessory Traveling Salesmen's Association of the United States.

JOHN H. WADE

For the past seventeen years, since 1894, has been secretary and treasurer of the Hubbell & Wade Company of Bridgeport, dealers in paints and varnishes. Prior to that time, for nearly twenty years, he was city editor of The Norwalk Hour.

He was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 13, 1908, his enrollment being 2177. He had previously become identified with the Masons in St. John's Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., and served that body as master; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, which he is serving as captain of the first guard, and DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, as master of ceremonies; Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem, being therein master of ceremonies; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, master, and in Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He is, likewise, a past noble grand in Our Brothers Lodge No. 10, of Odd Fellows, and past chief patriarch of Kabaosa Encampment, also a member of the Algonquin Club. He was fifteen years in the Connecticut National Guard, ten of which he served as assistant adjutant-general of the brigade, with rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Noble Wade was born in Norwalk, Conn., August 7, 1853, and educated in the public schools of that place. His father was William Wade, born in Yorkshire, Eng., and his mother is Mary Elizabeth Selleck Wade of Norwalk. He was married in Norwalk, November 24, 1880, to Hattie A. Downs, daughter of George and Mary Esther Downs. They have three children: Ralph D., Delbert M., and John S. They are attendants at the Methodist Church. Woodchuck hunting is his favorite outdoor sport. His residence is in Bridgeport, at 2080 North Avenue, and his business is located at 506 Water Street.

WILLIAM K. MOLLAN

Ordained a noble of Pyramid Temple, the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1895, with enrollment 1066, holds Masonic membership with Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. He is, likewise, a member of Arcanum Lodge No. 41, of the Odd Fellows, and Stratfield Encampment No. 23; also of Konckapotanauh Tribe No. 30, of the Red Men. Noble Mollan was born in Bridgeport, Conn., January 5, 1856, and received an education in the public schools of his native city. His parents were Malcolm and Eleanora Kerr Mollan, both having been natives of England. His marriage to Anna Bishop of Bridgeport took place in that city, August 14, 1883. They are attendants at the Christ Episcopal Church. Hunting and fishing are his favorite outdoor amusements. Among the clubs in which he is enrolled are the Algonquin, the Bridgeport Yacht, the Brooklawn Country and the Sea Side Gun Clubs. He is, too, president of the Fish and Game Protective Association. His residence is at 1135 Iraniston Avenue, Bridgeport, and he has been proprietor since 1884 of the shoe business located at 1026 Main Street, same city.

EDWIN J. KEELER

A 32° Mason, whose affiliations in that brotherhood are with King Hiram Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M.; Solomon R. A. Chapter No. 3; Union Council No. 31, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection; Washington Council, P. of J.; Pequonnock Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory. He was also received into the nobility of the Mystic Shrine, in Pyramid Temple, on December 14, 1898, his enrollment in that body being 1304. He is, too, affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Housatonic Lodge No. 6; is a member of the Shelton Business Men's Association, and since 1908 of the Huntington School Board, of which he was chairman in 1911.

Fifteen years ago he began in the real estate business, which he is now conducting in Derby. He was formerly, 1893-96, an employee of the Derby Gas Company, secretary of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, 1888-93, also 1882-88 inclusive; was interested in the Shelton Company, their output being tacks and bolts.

Noble Keeler was born in Cheshire, Conn., October 14, 1865, the son of George and Sarah Ells Keeler, the former native of Ridgefield, and the latter, of Norwalk. He attained an education in the public schools of his native town, to which was added a course in the Yale Business College. October 28, 1885, he was married to Charlotte Tyther of Shelton. Their two children are: Harold, born July 28, 1890, and Florence M., June 18, 1898. His religious belief, like that of his parents, is Congregational, and his reading is mainly scientific. He conducts his business in the Flaherty Building, in Derby, and his residence is at 208 Coram Avenue, also in Derby.

ROBERT PEARSON, JR.

Of English birth and parentage, was born in Manchester, May 29, 1866. His parents were Robert and Mary Pearson. He received an education in the public schools, since coming to the United States; and May 26, 1892, he was married in South Norwalk, to Minnie E. Bettinger of that city, daughter of Jacob and Magdelina Bettinger. They have one child, a daughter, Charlotte Vivian, born September 21, 1894. He is an adherent of the Episcopal Church, and was brought up in that faith.

He was admitted to membership in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on June 6, 1906, his card bearing number 2096, and his preliminary Masonic connections having been made with Old Well Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M.; Butler Royal Arch Chapter No. 38, of South Norwalk, and Clinton Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, of Norwalk. Noble Pearson is, too, a charter member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, Lodge No. 218, in South Norwalk.

His residence is at 23 Haviland Street, South Norwalk.

EUGENE B. PECK

Of Bridgeport, counsellor-at-law for the past thirty-five years, was born in Woodbury, Conn., May 4, 1854. He received an education in the Bridgeport schools, followed by courses of study in the Golden Hill Institute, Hudson River Institute, and the Yale Law School.

David C. Peck of Woodbury was his father, and his mother is Mary Trimble Peck. His marriage to Mary B. Curtis of Bridgeport, daughter of Carlos and Jane B. Smith Curtis, was celebrated in Bridgeport, October 11, 1876. They have two sons, Richard, and Carlos. Their religious affiliations are Episcopal. His favorite sport is golf, and he belongs to the Algonquin and Brooklawn Country Clubs. His political faith is in Democratic principles.

He is a 32° Mason, and gives his allegiance to St. John's Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., in Bridgeport; Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T., and the four Scottish Rite bodies in Bridgeport. Subsequent to forming the above alliances, on November 9, 1904, he was received into the A. A. O. N. M. S., through Pyramid Temple, and therein enrolled 1780. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows in Arcanum Lodge No. 40; Stratfield Encampment No. 4; of the Knights of Pythias, in Dowdall Lodge No. 40, and of the Elks, in Bridgeport. His business address is 1025 Main Street, Bridgeport, and he resides at 804 Fairfield Avenue.

FREDERICK L. HUNTINGTON

Past master in Center Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M.; thrice illustrious master of Hamilton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.; and past commander of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, K. T., is also a member in Keystone Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; of E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; New Haven Council of Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. He was received into the nobility of Pyramid Temple on April 29, 1902, his enrollment therein being 1512. Noble Huntington is a past grand of the I. O. O. F., in Meriden Center Lodge No. 68. He began his business career with the Kelsey Press Company, in their printing press and supplies' business, and since 1887 has been treasurer of that firm. He is active in politics, and served from 1901 to 1907 on the Board of Aldermen, and as representative to the General Assembly in 1905. His only club affiliation is with the Colonial of Meriden, in which he is a charter member. Noble Huntington was born in Meriden, January 13, 1863, receiving an education in his home city. His father was James D. Huntington of Norwich, and Nancy Gibney Huntington of Meriden birth, was his mother. On June 17, 1890, he was married to Emma Yale of Meriden, their marriage ceremony having been performed in that place. They have one child, Faith H., born February 29, 1896. By religious training and affiliation he is a Baptist. He resides at 767 Broad Street, and his firm is located at 52 South Colony Street, also in Meriden.

ALBERT WARD MATTOON

A 32° Mason of New Haven, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on April 29, 1902, with enrollment 1537. He was worshipful master of Hiram Lodge No. 1, in 1900, and received the remaining York Rite degrees from Franklin Chapter No. 2, R. A. M; Harmony Council No. 8, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., in which latter he was eminent commander. The Scottish Rite degrees have also been conferred on him; his consistorial degree having come from Lafayette, S. P. R. S, of Bridgeport, and is at present at the head of Rose Croix in New Haven. He is also grand junior warden in the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, and a member of the Knights Templar and Masonic Clubs, also the Masonic Temple Association, and the Union League and Army and Navy Clubs. He is captain of the Governor's Foot Guard. Since 1907 he has been president and treasurer of the Mattoon Company, incorporated, wholesale and retail tobacconists. He is also senior member of the firm of Mattoon and Keppel, dealers in show cases and store fixtures. Noble Mattoon was born in the "City of Elms," October 20, 1868, and there attained an education in public and private schools. He is the son of Henry J. and Mary Maxwell Mattoon, and was married in New Haven, December 11, 1891, to Alice Merwin of that city. They have three children: Merwin Albert, Robert Treat, and Lois, and are Episcopalians. Autoing and fishing are his favorite diversions. His business address is 878 Chapel Street, New Haven, and his residence, Woodmont-on-the-Sound.

ARTHUR H. BARTHOLOMEW

Mayor of Ansonia, ex-mayor, term of '95, and an adherent of Republicanism, was a representative of the House in 1886-87, and in 1893; also chairman of the Committee on Corporations in 1887 and 1893, and in 1886 clerk of city and boroughs. He is Masonically identified with George Washington Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., which he serves as trustee; Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter No. 35; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., through the medium of which he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple, and inducted into the mysteries of its Shrine on May 25, 1891, with enrollment 686. He is also in Naugatuck Lodge of the Odd Fellows, and Hope Encampment, holding rank of past grand and past chief patriarch. Noble Bartholomew was born in Ansonia, Conn., June 3, 1851. His parents were Jeremiah H. and Polly H. Root Bartholomew, the former of Plainville, and the latter of Bristol. His marriage to Henrietta E Cable of Oxford took place January 14, 1874. They have one daughter, Eloise. Baseball is Noble Bartholomew's favorite sport. His business connection is with the Ansonia Novelty Company and dates from 1895, succeeding that with Phelps and Bartholomew, formed in 1881. He resides at 70 South Cliff Street, Ansonia.

JERE GRANT KINGSBURY

A 32° Mason of Bridgeport, was received in Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., on May 9, 1910, and therein enrolled 2298. His Masonic affiliations are with Union Lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M., of Orange, N. J.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No 16, R. & S. M.; Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T.; DeWitt Clinton Lodge of Perfection, Washington Council, Princes of Jerusalem. He is a member of the Algonquin, and Brooklawn Country Clubs, the Bridgeport Yacht Club, and in politics, votes independently. He is president and treasurer of the Grant Manufacturing and Machine Company, incorporated in 1904, and was a member of the firm when it started in 1900. For the ten years previous to 1891, he was superintendent for the Ashcroft Manufacturing Company. Noble Kingsbury was born in Towanda, Penn., on March 20, 1865, and received an education in the public schools of his native town, later taking a mechanical course in the Scranton Correspondence School. His parents are Adolph H. and Sarah H. Brown Kingsbury, both natives of Pennsylvania. He was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 27, 1889, to Alice E. Foot of that city. They are Episcopalians. Hunting and fishing are his favorite pastimes, and in reading he greatly enjoys scientific and mechanical literature. His business address is 90 Silleman Avenue, and he resides at 2209 North Avenue.

OMAR W. PLATT

Became a noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine on November 27, 1905, with enrollment 1896. His York Rite degrees were received in Ansantawae Lodge No. 89, A. F. & A. M., of Milford; Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, R. A. M., of West Haven; Union Council No. 27, R. & S. M., of Derby; New Haven Commandery No. 2, K. T., and his Scottish Rite degrees were conferred by E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter of Rose Croix, and Lafayette Consistory, 32°. Noble Platt was born in Milford, January 30, 1874, and graduated from both Hopkins Grammar Preparatory School of New Haven in 1895, and from Yale University in 1899, and in 1903, from the Yale Law School. His parents were William and Almira A. (Hand) Platt, the former of Milford, and the latter native of Newtown. He was married in Milford, November 17, 1904, to Lotta F. Baldwin of that place. They are Congregationalists, and his favorite sport is baseball. He is president of the Board of Incorporators of the Taylor Public Library in Milford; a director in the Milford Trust Company; is a Republican, and served three terms, 1901, '03 and '09, as representative to the House from Milford, and for the past eight years on the Board of Education. In 1905 he was elected to the Senate, and has been prosecuting attorney for the town of Milford since 1901, and was elected judge of probate for the district of Milford in 1911. He has also been engaged in the practice of general law since 1901. The Platt residence is 17 Wharf Street, Milford.

EDWARD M. KEELER

Of Danbury, was born in Ridgebury, Conn., December 3, 1870. After completing the public school course in his native town, he took a course in Coleman's Business College of Newark, N. J. His parents were Legrand and Violet Schofield Keeler, the former of Ridgebury, and the latter of Easton. He first saw Masonic light in Union Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M.; was exalted in Eureka R. A. Chapter No. 23; is a member of Wooster Council No. 28, R. & S. M., and was knighted in Crusader Commandery No. 10, K. T., after which he was admitted to the nobility of Pyramid Temple on May 5, 1903, his number in that body being 1660. His favorite pastime is fishing. Since 1898 he has been hat salesman with Mallory and Son, 81-83 Rose Street, Danbury, having previously been bookkeeper and shipping clerk for that firm, with the exception of three years in the drug business, 1895-98. His home is 133 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury.

WILLIAM W. INGHAM

Received as a fellow noble in Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, on May 9, 1895, with membership 1104, was previously qualified in Masonry, in Corinthian Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., in which he is a past master; Jerusalem Chapter No. 13, R. A. M.; Jerusalem Council No. 16, R. & S. M., and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, K. T. As a Republican he served his city as alderman for two years. Following his term as alderman, he was nominated for the mayoralty, but declined, and organizing the Charity Board, he served on same for six years. For thirty-five years he was in the high explosive department of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company of Bridgeport, but retired from active business life in 1905. Noble Ingham was born in Canaan, Vt., May 5, 1833, and was educated in the public schools of Connecticut. His parents were Micajah and Esther E. Beach Ingham, both natives of Canaan. He was married in Manchester, N. H., February 14, 1855, to Mary Ann Newton of that place, and she passed away at Bridgeport on December 14, 1910. His religious affiliations have ever been Congregational, and his home is at 494 East Main Street, Bridgeport.

Directory of Temples and Officers

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Representatives to the Imperial Council

1 **AAD TEMPLE** **Duluth, Minn.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st and 3d Fridays.
Founded September 5, 1905.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 845
John Cox, Potentate, 101 E. Superior St., Duluth, Minn.
Sheldon L. Frazer, Recorder,
510 First National Bank Bldg., Duluth, Minn.

Representatives:

Jesse Norton, 605 Palladio Bldg., Duluth, Minn.
Henry Nesbitt, 316 Sellwood Bldg., Duluth, Minn.
John Cox, 101 E. Superior St., Duluth, Minn.
Arthur P. Cook, U. S. Post Office, Duluth, Minn.

2 **ABBA TEMPLE** **Mobile, Ala.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate, February and November.
Founded June 18, 1903.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 304
James H. Webb, Potentate, Van Antwerp Bldg., Mobile, Ala.
Myron T. Sprague, Recorder, P. O. Box 837, Mobile, Ala.

Representatives:

Thomas J. Young, 62 Dauphin St., Mobile, Ala.
Eugene Robbin, Jr., Selma, Ala.

3 **ABDALLAH TEMPLE** **Leavenworth, Kan.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st and 3d Fridays each month.
Founded March 28, 1887.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,100
George Pulsifer, Potentate,
414 Pottawatomie St., Leavenworth, Kan.
Edward W. Osgood, Recorder, P. O. Box 125, Leavenworth, Kan.

Representatives:

George Pulsifer, 414 Pottawatomie St., Leavenworth, Kan.
Frank L. Stevens, 1217 Jackson St., Topeka, Kan.
Alva L. Swearingen, 954 Sandusky Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
Joseph W. Young, 110 3d Ave., Leavenworth, Kan.
John H. Atwood (ad vitam),
842 N. Y. Life Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

4 **ABOU BEN ADHEM TEMPLE** **Springfield, Mo.**
Date of Regular Session, 4th Thursdays, except in December.
Chartered July 9, 1903.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 678
Jno. F. Dunckel, Potentate,
310 Woodruff Bldg., Springfield, Mo.
John G. Newbill, Recorder, Springfield, Mo.

Representatives:

Jno. F. Dunckel, 310 Woodruff Bldg., Springfield, Mo.
Paul A. Day, 542 Poplar St., Springfield, Mo.
Ed. S. Finch, R. F. D. 3, Springfield, Mo.
W. D. Richardson, P. O. Box 226, Webb City, Mo.

5 **ABU BEKR TEMPLE** **Sioux City, Ia.**
Date of Regular Session, on call.
Founded May 8, 1907.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 781
John E. Garver, Potentate, Sioux City, Ia.
W. D. Irvine, Recorder, American Bldg., Sioux City, Ia.

Representatives:

Albert A. Smith, Sioux City, Ia.
John E. Garver, 305 F., L. & T. Bldg., Sioux City, Ia.
D. M. Brownlee, Sioux City, Ia.
W. D. Irvine, Sioux City, Ia.

6 **ACCA TEMPLE** **Richmond, Va.**
Date of Regular Session, 4th Thursdays, except in June, July, August and September.
Founded June 9, 1886.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,553
D. C. O'Flaherty, Potentate, Mutual Bldg., Richmond, Va.
C. A. Nesbitt, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Richmond, Va.

Representatives:

Preston Belvin, P. O. Box 142, Richmond, Va.
E. E. Downham, Alexandria, Va.
D. C. O'Flaherty, 1107 Mutual Bldg., Richmond, Va.
Thomas Whittet, P. O. Box 330, Richmond, Va.
George L. Street (ad vitam), Box 515, Richmond, Va.

7 **AFIFI TEMPLE** **Tacoma, Wash.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Tuesday each month.
Founded August 1, 1888.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,037
Wm. E. Hacker, Potentate, 1005 A St., Tacoma, Wash.
Richard A. Ketner, Recorder,
Room 308, Berlin Bldg., Tacoma, Wash.

Representatives:

Ellis L. Garretson, 317 Fidelity Bldg., Tacoma, Wash.
Wm. E. Hacker, 1005 A St., Tacoma, Wash.
Milton B. Bayer, Care of O. W. R. & N. Co., Tacoma, Wash.
Joseph B. Hawthorne, 409 National Bank Bldg., Tacoma, Wash.

8 **AAHMES TEMPLE** **Oakland, Cal.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Wednesday each month.
Founded April 13, 1910.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 533
Frank W. Bilger, Potentate,
Oakland Savings Bank Bldg., Oakland, Cal.
Edward H. Morgan, Recorder, 1014 Broadway, Oakland, Cal.

Representatives:

F. W. Bilger, Oakland, Cal.
B. O. Johnson, 2014 E. 30th St., E. Oakland, Cal.
Geo. S. Meredith,
Farmers' & Merchants' Savings Bank, Oakland, Cal.

9 **AHMED TEMPLE** **Marquette, Mich.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Wednesday each month.
Founded June 14, 1893.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 861
Harry T Emerson, Potentate, Menominee, Mich.
Edgar W. MacPherran, Recorder, Marquette, Mich.

Representatives:

Harry T. Emerson, Menominee, Mich.
Charles D. Hanchette, Hancock, Mich.
George A. Boyd, Sault St. Marie, Ont.
Thomas M. Wells, Negaunee, Mich.

10 **AL AMIN TEMPLE** **Little Rock, Ark.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded December 19, 1904.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 603
Arthur L. Smith, Potentate, 2110 Broadway, Little Rock, Ark.
James S. Barkman, Recorder, P. O. Box 304, Little Rock, Ark.

Representatives:

Henry S. Spivey, 2400 Gaines St., Little Rock, Ark.
Arthur L. Smith, 2110 Broadway, Little Rock, Ark.
Raleigh M. Pearson, 106½ E. Markham St., Little Rock, Ark.
Edgar H. Glenn, Batesville, Ark.

11 **AKDAR TEMPLE, U. D.** **Tulsa, Okla.**
Date of Regular Session,
Founded July 12, 1911.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 547
Horace P. Anderson, Potentate, Tulsa, Okla.
G. A. Ottman, Recorder, Drawer 698, Tulsa, Okla.
Not entitled to Representatives.

12 **ALADDIN TEMPLE** **Columbus, O.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Thursday each month.
Founded June 14, 1893.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,899
James J. Thomas, Potentate, U. S. Express, Columbus, O.
Wilden E. Joseph, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Columbus, O.

Representatives:

James D. Osborn, Town and Third Sts., Columbus, O.
W. E. Joseph, Masonic Temple, Columbus, O.
James J. Thomas, U. S. Express, Columbus, O.
William Watson, 307 No. 9th Ave., Columbus, O.

13 **AL CHYMIA TEMPLE** **Memphis, Tenn.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded May 10, 1891.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 869
Jesse P. Norfleet, Potentate, 109 So. Front St., Memphis, Tenn.
J. E. Van Trees, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Memphis, Tenn.

Representatives:

Robert W. Galloway, 313 Jefferson St., Memphis, Tenn.
Joseph L. Wood, Am. Car & Foundry Co., Memphis, Tenn.
Harry R. Boyd, Memphis Trust Bldg., Memphis, Tenn.
Samuel H Stout, 43 So. Main St., Memphis, Tenn.

14 **ALEE TEMPLE** **Savannah, Ga.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded June 23, 1896.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,061
Ernest A. Cutts, Potentate 30 Bay St., E. Savannah, Ga.
J. C. Tyson, Recorder, 114 Congress St., W. Savannah, Ga.

Representatives:

Ernest A. Cutts, Savannah, Ga.
Robert L. Colding, Savannah, Ga.
Abe. S. Guckenheimer, Savannah, Ga.
J. Edgar Chancellor, Columbus, Ga.

15 **ALEPPO TEMPLE** **Boston, Mass.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded June 23, 1882.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 6,441
George A. Shackford, Potentate, 828 Adams St., Boston, Mass.
Benjamin W. Rowell, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.

Representatives:

Charles A. Estey, East Boston, Mass.
James S.Blake, 376 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
George A. Shackford, 828 Adams St., Dorchester, Mass.
Benjamin W. Rowell (emeritus),
Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.

16 **ALGERIA TEMPLE** **Helena, Mont.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Thursday each month.
Founded March 23, 1888.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 892
Archibald W. Mahon, Potentate, Helena, Mont.
George Booker, Recorder, Helena, Mont.

Representatives:

Frank E. Wright, Lewiston, Mont.
J. Benton Leggat, Butte, Mont.
Archibald W. Mahon, Helena, Mont.
Thomas B. Miller, Helena, Mont.

17 **ALHAMBRA TEMPLE** **Chattanooga, Tenn.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Friday each month.
Founded September 17, 1889.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 789
Thomas W. Fritts, Potentate, Market St., Chattanooga, Tenn.
D. G. Crabtree, Recorder, P. O. Box 41, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Representatives:

D. G. Crabtree, P. O. Box 41, Chattanooga, Tenn.
R. Leslie Childs, Knoxville, Tenn.
T. W. Fritts, Chattanooga, Tenn.
A. C. Foust, Market St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

18 **AL KADER TEMPLE** **Portland, Ore.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded January 3, 1888.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,564
William G. Bristol, Potentate, Wilcox Bldg., Portland, Ore.
Benjamin G. Whitehouse, Recorder,
Masonic Temple, Portland, Ore.

Representatives:

William C. Bristol, Wilcox Bldg., Portland, Ore.
R. D. Cannon, Portland, Ore.
Geo. F. Robertson, 41 4th St., Portland, Ore.
William Davis, 109 2d St., Portland, Ore.

19 **AL KORAN TEMPLE** **Cleveland, O.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded November 16, 1876.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,138
Albert N. Jeavons, Potentate,
806 Champlain Ave., N. W., Cleveland, O.
N. S. Harris, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Cleveland, O.

Representatives:

William M. Bogue, 622 Rose Bldg., Cleveland, O.
Albert N. Jeavons, 806 Champlain Ave., N. W. Cleveland, O.
Orion P. Sperra, Ravenna, O.
William C. Thomas, Willoughby, O.

20 **AL MALAIKAH TEMPLE** **Los Angeles, Cal.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Saturday each month.
Founded February 28, 1888.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,806
Motley H. Flint, Potentate,
Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Cal.
David E. Barclay, Recorder,
655 W. Jefferson St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Representatives:

Motley H. Flint, Los Angeles, Cal.
Leo V. Youngworth, Federal Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.
Freeman G. Teed, 329 P. E. Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.
William H. Harrison, Postmaster, Los Angeles, Cal.

21 **ALMAS TEMPLE** **Washington, D. C.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded January 17, 1886.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,471
W. Hamilton Smith, Potentate,
21st and I Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Harrison Dingman, Recorder, The Ontario, Washington, D. C.

Representatives:

S. Fred Hahn, 7th and K Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.
W. Hamilton Smith,
21st and I Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

W. C. Smallwood, The Van Dyke, Washington, D. C.
Adolphus Gude, Anacostia, D. C.
Harrison Dingman (ad vitam), Washington, D. C.

22 **ALOHA TEMPLE** **Honolulu, H. I.**
Date of Regular Session, quarterly.
Founded May 23, 1900.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 256
Arthur G. Hodgins, Potentate, Honolulu, H. I.
Harry C. Bruns, Recorder, Honolulu, H.I.

Representative:

James S. McCandless, Box 515, Honolulu, H. I.

23 **AL AZHAR TEMPLE** **Calgary, Alberta.**
Date of Regular Session, on call.
Founded 1907.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 226
R. A. Darker, Potentate, Burns Block, Calgary, Alberta
T. F. English, Recorder, 1320 12th Ave., W., Calgary, Alberta

Representative:

R. A. Darker, Calgary, Alberta

24 **AL SIHAH TEMPLE** **Macon, Ga.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded April 13, 1910.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 262
G. Glen Toole, Potentate, Macon, Ga.
Walter B. Chapman, Recorder, City Hall, Macon, Ga

Representative:

Charles H. Humphreys, City Hall, Macon, Ga.

25 **ANEZEH TEMPLE** **City of Mexico, Mexico.**
Date of Regular Session, on call, March, June, September and December.
Founded November 12, 1906.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 213
Khleber M. Van Zant, Jr., Potentate,
P. O. Apartado 1,212, Ciudad de Mexico, D. F.
Wayne A. White, Recorder,
P. O. Apartado 1,647, Ciudad de Mexico, D. F.

Representative:

William L. Vail,
Avenue del Cinco de Mayo No. 6A, Ciudad de Mexico, D. F.

26 **ANTIOCH TEMPLE** **Dayton, O.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st and 3d Fridays each month.
Founded June 9, 1898.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 874
Wm. E. Copenhaver, Potentate, Springfield, O.
Emil M. Metzger, Recorder,
215 So. Robert Boulevard, Dayton, O.

Representatives:

Charles H. Hizer, Springfield, O.
Emil M. Metzger, 215 So. Robert Boulevard, Dayton, O.
M. L. Finnell, Osborn, O.
J. F. E. Dohoe, Dayton, O.

27 **ARARAT TEMPLE** **Kansas City, Mo.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Wednesday in each month.
Founded December 1, 1887.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,344
John T. Harding, Potentate, 831 Scarrett Bldg., Kansas, Mo.
Harry G. Henley, Recorder, Gloyd Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

Representatives:

John T. Harding, 831 Scarrett Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
James E. Chandler, 18th and Holmes Sts., Kansas City, Mo.
Edward F. Webster, 3755 Washington St., Kansas City, Mo.
H. A. Hatfield, Moberly, Mo.
Ethelbert F. Allen (ad vitam), Kansas City, Mo.

28 **AZHAR TEMPLE, U. D.** **Halifax, N. S.**
Date of Regular Session, ————————
Founded July 12, 1911.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 195
M. McF. Hall, Potentate, Box 377, Halifax, N. S.
J. H. Jost, Recorder, Box 244, Halifax, N. S.
Not entitled to Representatives.

29 **BAGDAD TEMPLE** **Butte, Mont.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded January 24, 1911.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 355
Emery H. Payne, Potentate, Missoula, Mont.
Norman W. Hick, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Butte, Mont.

Representatives:

Alexander R. Currie, Butte, Mont.
William M. Montgomery, Anaconda, Mont.

30 **BALLUT ABYAD TEMPLE** **Albuquerque, N. M.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Monday each month.
Founded June 11, 1887.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 613
Paul Teutasch, Potentate, Box 16, Albuquerque, N. M.
Harry Braun, Recorder, 916 No. 3d St., Albuquerque, N. M.

Representatives:

Charles O. Cushman, Albuquerque, N. M.
John Borradaile, 121 So. 3d St., Albuquerque, N. M.
James Wilson, Roswell, N. M.
William H. Newcomb, Silver City, N. M.

31 **BEDOUIN TEMPLE, U. D.** **Muskogee, Okla.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Tuesday each month.
Founded July 12, 1911.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 402
Geo. M. Ransom, Potentate, Muskogee, Okla.
Walter Falwell, Recorder, Box 1,598, Muskogee, Okla.
Not entitled to Representatives.

32 **BEKTASH TEMPLE** **Concord, N. H.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded January 25, 1905.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 964
William D. Chandler, Potentate, Concord, N. H.
Harry M. Cheney, Recorder, Concord, N. H.

Representatives:

William D. Chandler, Concord, N. H.
William T. Entwistle, Portsmouth, N. H.
Geo. D. Waldron, Concord, N. H.
Charles R. Denning, Concord, N. H.

33 **BEN HUR TEMPLE** **Austin, Tex.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded June 2, 1891.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 811
William G. Franklin, Potentate, P. O. Box 539, Austin, Tex.
C. M. Bartholomew, Recorder,
Austin National Bank, Austin, Tex.

Representatives:

William G. Bell, Austin, Tex.
J. M. Strayhorn, San Antonio, Tex.
R. J. Briggs, 204 W. 7th St., Austin, Tex.
A. W. Houston, San Antonio, Tex.

34 **BENI KEDEM TEMPLE** **Charleston, W. Va.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Thursday each month.
Founded June 26, 1896.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,368
Harry L. Minsker, Potentate, Charleston, W. Va.
Joseph Ruffner, Recorder, Charleston, W. Va.

Representatives:

Harry L. Minsker, Charleston, W. Va.
Geo. W. Burford, Charleston, W. Va.
J. E. W. McKinley, Point Pleasant, W. Va.
W. H. Wade, Bluefield, W. Va.

35 **BOUMI TEMPLE** **Baltimore, Md.**
Date of Regular Session, 29th of each month, except Sundays.
Founded April 1, 1884.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,188
Frank W. Dryden, Potentate,
Lancaster and Dallas Sts., Baltimore, Md.
John H. Miller, Recorder, Hazazers' Hall, Baltimore, Md.

Representatives:

William J. Cunningham, 400 Cathedral St., Baltimore, Md.
Frank W. Dryden, Lancaster and Dallas Sts., Baltimore, Md.
Walter I. Dawkins, Fidelity Bldg., Baltimore, Md.
William G. Speed, Law Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

36 **CALAM TEMPLE** **Lewiston, Idaho.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded May 8, 1907.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 133
George Dalhne, Potentate, Lewiston, Idaho
John E. Nickerson, Recorder, Lewiston, Idaho

Representative :

Victor Landquist, Lewiston, Idaho

37 **CAIRO TEMPLE** **Rutland, Vt.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Chartered July 9, 1903.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 729
Park H. Pottard, Potentate, Proctorsville, Vt.
Philip H. Seaver, Recorder, Rutland, Vt.

Representatives:

Fred C. Atherton, Rutland, Vt.
D. C. Simonds, Burlington, Vt.
J. P. H. Adams, Fair Haven, Vt.
Dayton H. Switzer, Bellows Falls, Vt.

38 **CRESCENT TEMPLE** **Trenton, N. J.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded July 14, 1904.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 972
Harry E. Evans, Potentate, 147 E. State St., Trenton, N. J.
Linford D. Closson, Recorder,
433 W. Hanover St., Trenton, N. J.

Representatives:

Harry E. Evans, 147 E. State St., Trenton, N. J.
Geo. A. Katzenbach, 27 W. State St., Trenton, N. J.
Newton A. K. Bugbee, 144 E. State St., Trenton, N. J.
Peter A. Caughell, Pennington, N. J.

39 **CYPRUS TEMPLE** **Albany, N. Y.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded February 2, 1877.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,151
Peter Schumacher, Potentate, City Hall, Albany, N. Y.
George R. Hodgkins, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Albany, N. Y.

Representatives:

Peter Schumacher, City Hall, Albany, N. Y.
Charles M. Winchester, Lyon Block, Albany, N. Y.
Alden J. Harcourt, 293 Wall St., Kingston, N. Y.
Lewis T. Miller, City Bldg., Albany, N. Y.

40 **DAMASCUS TEMPLE** **Rochester, N. Y.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Wednesday each month.
Founded June 7, 1876.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,859
Edward S. Osborne, Potentate,
448 Cutler Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.
E. C. Way, Recorder, Masonic Club, Rochester, N. Y.

Representatives:

Frederick R. Smith, 89 Plymouth Ave., Rochester, N. Y.
Esten A. Fletcher, 256 Allen St., Rochester, N. Y.
Emil H. Schmidt, 51 E. Main St., Rochester, N. Y.
Geo. F. Argetsinger, 27 N. Washington St., Rochester, N. Y.
George F. Loder (emeritus), Reynolds Arcade, Rochester, N. Y.

41 **EL HASA TEMPLE** **Ashland, Ky.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Monday each month.
Founded March 3, 1906.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 300
P. C. Montague, Potentate, Ashland, Ky.
W. F. Shipman, Recorder, Ashland, Ky.

Representatives:

John S. Hager, Ashland, Ky.
W. F. Shipman, Ashland, Ky.

42 **EL JEBEL TEMPLE** **Denver, Col.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Monday, except June, July and August.
Founded December 1, 1887.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,020
James C. Burger, Potentate,
Hamilton National Bank, Denver, Col.
Stanley C. Warner, Recorder, 704 Equitable Bldg., Denver, Col.

Representatives:

George A. Reese, Trinidad, Colo.
James C. Burger, Hamilton National Bank, Denver, Colo.
Charles P. Pfeiffer, 1140 California St., Denver, Colo.
Paul J. Sours, 1235 Josephine St., Denver, Colo.
Albert B. McGaffey (ad vitam), Denver, Colo.

43 **ELF KHURAFEH TEMPLE** **Saginaw, Mich.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Wednesday each month.
Founded June 12, 1906.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 778
Edwin C. Peters, Potentate, Saginaw, Mich.
Frank A. Ferguson, Recorder,
102 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Mich.

Representatives:

Edwin C. Forrest, Saginaw, Mich.
Mark S. Brown, Saginaw, Mich.
Geo. H. Keating, Bay City, Mich.
Harry E. Oppenheimer, Saginaw, Mich.

44 **EL KAHIR TEMPLE** **Cedar Rapids, Ia.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Wednesday in February, April, June, August and October.
Founded February 9, 1886.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,674
S. S. Brotherton, Potentate, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
T. Will Runkle, Recorder, 116 No. 10th St., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Representatives:

Willis G. Haskell, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Fred A. Sporle, Waterloo, Ia.
S. S. Brotherton, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
W. J. Mills, Anamosa, Ia.
Edwin I. Alderman (ad vitam), Marion, Ia.

45 **EL KALAH TEMPLE** **Salt Lake City, Utah.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Wednesday each month.
Founded June 8, 1890.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 589
C. H. Fischer, Potentate, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Joseph M. Marriott, Recorder,
22 W. 1st South St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Representatives:

F. C. Schramm, 80 W. 1st South St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
James H. Brown, 18 E. 3d South St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
John S. Critchlow, 73 So. Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

46 **EL KATIF TEMPLE** **Spokane, Wash.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Wednesday each month.
Founded June 10, 1890.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,013
M. C. Martindale, Potentate, Spokane, Wash.
S. Harry Rush, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Spokane, Wash.

Representatives:
M. C. Martindale, 716 Riverside Ave., Spokane, Wash.
Herbert W. Allen, 204 Empire State Bldg., Spokane, Wash.
Charles W. Colby, 1314 8th Ave., Spokane, Wash.
Horace G. West, 1224 Dean Ave., Spokane, Wash.

47 **EL KORAH TEMPLE** **Boise City, Idaho.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Wednesday each month.
Founded June 23, 1896.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 400
William B. Davidson, Potentate, Boise, Idaho.
Charles O. Nelson, Recorder, Boise, Idaho.

Representatives:
Albert A. Jessup, Boise, Idaho.
James Stephenson, Jr., Boise, Idaho.
Byron E. Hyatt, Boise, Idaho.

48 **EL MAIDA TEMPLE** **El Paso, Tex.**
Date of Regular Session, 4th Friday each month.
Founded May 8, 1907.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 414
Thomas C. Lea, Potentate, American Nat'l Bank, El Paso, Tex.
W. H. McCullough, Recorder, Masonic Temple, El Paso, Tex.

Representatives:
John M. Wyatt, Amer. Nat'l Bank, El Paso, Tex.
T. C. Lea, Amer. Nat'l Bank, El Paso, Tex.
Jerome D. Love, Mills Bldg., El Paso, Tex.

49 **EL MINA TEMPLE** **Galveston, Tex.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Tuesday each month.
Founded June 11, 1902.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,119
Eben S. Cox, Potentate, Galveston, Tex.
C. E. Keppler, Recorder, Galveston, Tex.

Representatives:
Charles E. Walden, Beaumont, Tex.
Frank C. Jones, Houston, Tex.
Eben S. Cox, Galveston, Tex.
Fred M. Gilbough, Galveston, Tex.

50 **EL RIAD TEMPLE** **Sioux Falls, S. D.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Wednesday each month.
Founded May 25, 1888.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,282
A. A. McDonald, Potentate, Sioux Falls, S. D.
Edgar S. Knowles, Recorder, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Representatives:
A. A. McDonald, Sioux Falls, S. D.
Carl Mueller, Sioux Falls, S. D.
Charles D. Symms, Sioux Falls, S. D.
A. Weaver, Watertown, S. D.

51 **EL ZAGAL TEMPLE** **Fargo, N. D.**
Date of Regular Session, every Thursday and June 7.
Founded December 14, 1889.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,171
Elmore Y. Sarles, Potentate, Hillsboro, N. D.
Alfred G. Arvold, Recorder, Fargo, N. D.

Representatives:
John F. Treat, Fargo, N. D.
Elmore Y. Sarles, Hillsboro, N. D.
Frank L. Gage, Fargo, N. D.
John A. Gilles, Fargo, N. D.

52 **EL ZARIBAH TEMPLE** **Phoenix, Ariz.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Wednesday in December, January February, March and April.
Founded January 20, 1896.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 439
Charles W. Wartman, Potentate, Phoenix, Ariz.
John J. Sweeney, Recorder, Phoenix, Ariz.

Representatives:
John J. Sweeney, Phoenix, Ariz.
Kirt L. Hart, Tucson, Ariz.
W. C. Foster, Phoenix, Ariz.

53 **GIZEH TEMPLE** **Victoria, B. C.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded June 11, 1902.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 457
W. W. Burke, Potentate, Vancouver, B. C.
Edward E. Leason, Recorder, P. O. Box 698, Victoria, B. C.

Representatives:
Charles A. Welch, New Westminster, B. C.
Robert F. Green, P. O. Box 312, Victoria, B. C.

54 **HADI TEMPLE** **Evansville, Ind.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Saturday each month.
Founded April 12, 1909.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 253
Robert H. Pennington, Potentate, 316 6th St., Evansville, Ind.
Clifford Shopbell, Recorder, 707 Furniture Bldg., Evansville, Ind.

Representative:
Edward F. Sonntag, Evansville, Ind.

55 **HAMASA TEMPLE** **Meridian, Miss.**
Date of Regular Session, 4th Thursday each month.
Founded May 22, 1892.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,135
Walter G. Hodges, Potentate, Meridian, Miss.
A. J. Peck, Recorder, Meridian, Miss.

Representatives:
Oliver L. McKay, Meridian, Miss.
J. M. McBeath, Meridian, Miss.
Walter G. Hodges, Meridian, Miss.
Charles E. Beard, Gloster, Miss.

56 **HELLA TEMPLE** **Dallas, Tex.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Thursday each month.
Founded May 31, 1887.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,932
John E. Forrest, Potentate, Post Office, Dallas, Tex.
John G. Hunter, Recorder, P. O. Box 933, Dallas, Tex.

Representatives:
John G. Hunter, P. O. Box 933, Dallas, Tex.
Mike H. Thomas, Dallas, Tex.
James Garitty, Corsicana, Tex.
Sam P. Cochran, Trust Bldg., Dallas, Tex.
George H. Green (ad vitam), Dallas, Tex.

57 **HILLAH TEMPLE** **Ashland, Ore.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Friday each month.
Dispensation granted July 15, 1908.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 192
William M. Colvig, Potentate, Medford, Ore.
Eugene A. Sherwin, Recorder, 173 Oak St., Ashland, Ore.

Representative :
Dillon B. Grant, Ashland, Ore.

58 **INDIA TEMPLE** **Oklahoma City, Okla.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Thursday each month.
Founded May 3, 1893.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,861
J. T. Jones, Potentate, 321 Lee Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.

George W. Spencer, Recorder,
Masonic Temple, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Representatives:

George W. Clark, 3219 Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Okla.
J. T. Jones, 321 Lee Bldg., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Edwin DeBarr, Norman, Okla.
S. C. Heyman, 108 W. Main St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

59 **IREM TEMPLE** **Wilkes-Barre, Pa.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Wednesday each month.
Founded October 18, 1895.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,294
J. C. Bell, Potentate, 71 Public Sq., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Charles H. Gillam, Recorder,
52 No. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Representatives:

John C. Bell, 71 Public Sq., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Judson B. Woolsey, Box 223, Scranton, Pa.
Robert R. Harvey, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Thomas H. Riley, Hotel Updegroff, Williamsport, Pa.

60 **ISIS TEMPLE** **Salina, Kan.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Tuesday each month.
Founded March 29, 1887.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,362
B. R. Brassfield, Potentate, Salina, Kan.
F. D. Blundon, Recorder, Salina, Kan.

Representatives:

B. R. Brassfield, Salina, Kan.
F. R. Spier, Salina, Kan.
N. W. Hubbell, Phillipsburg, Kan.
Emmet V. Hoffman, Enterprise, Kan.

61 **ISLAM TEMPLE** **San Francisco, Cal.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Thursday each month.
Founded March 6, 1883.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 3,770
Harry Maundrell, Potentate, 568 Hayes St., San Francisco, Cal.
John Bennett, Recorder, 43 Powell St., San Francisco, Cal.

Representatives:

Francis V. Keesling, Chronicle Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.
Harry Maundrell, 568 Hayes St., San Francisco, Cal.
George Filmer, 330 Jackson St., San Francisco, Cal.
Theo. L. Walters, 833 Pacific Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.
Charles L. Field (ad vitam), 312 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

62 **ISMAILIA TEMPLE** **Buffalo, N. Y.**
Date of Regular Session, 29th day of each month.
Founded November 5, 1887.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,464
Harry L. Taylor, Potentate, City Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.
Harry D. Hosmer, Recorder, Anchor Line Dock, Buffalo, N. Y.

Representatives:

George K. Staples, 736 Ellicott Sq., Buffalo, N. Y.
Harry L. Taylor, City Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.
Clark H. Hammond, 138 St. James Pl., Buffalo, N. Y.
William Dempster, 24 Burwell Pl., Buffalo, N. Y.
George L. Brown (ad vitam),
210 D. S. Morgan Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.

63 **JAFFA TEMPLE** **Altoona, Penn.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Chartered July 9, 1903.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,128
John C. Schomberg, Potentate, 1702 3d Ave., Altoona, Pa.
Wilson A. Turner, Recorder, P. O. Box 176, Altoona, Pa.

Representatives:

Geo. Russell, 1718 5th Ave., Altoona, Pa.
Curtis G. Campbell, 445 Somerset St., Johnstown, Pa.
William W. Blake, 1106 14th Ave., Altoona, Pa.
William G. Breisacher, 101 Howard Ave., Altoona, Pa.

64 **JERUSALEM TEMPLE** **New Orleans, La.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Saturday in January, February, March, April, October, November and December.
Founded March 30, 1885.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,341
Joseph Sinai, Potentate, 721 Hibernia Bldg., New Orleans, La.
Richard Lambert, Recorder, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, La.

Representatives:

Richard Lambert, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, La.
George W. Booth, P. O. Box 1025, New Orleans, La.
Gus D. Levy, 309 Hennen Bldg., New Orleans, La.
Joseph Sinai, 721 Hibernia Bldg., New Orleans, La.

65 **KAABA TEMPLE** **Davenport, Ia.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Tuesday each month.
Founded July 1, 1878.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,779
Charles S. Huber, Potentate, 321 Brady St., Davenport, Ia.
Charles E. Birchard, Recorder, Davenport, Ia.

Representatives:

Isaac L. Sears, Davenport, Ia.
John Soller, Davenport, Ia.
Samuel T. White, Davenport, Ia.
Charles S. Huber, 321 Brady St., Davenport, Ia.

66 **KALIF TEMPLE** **Sheridan, Wyo.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Friday.
Founded June 13, 1906.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 148
Geo. L. Smith, Potentate, 297 So. Main St., Sheridan, Wyo.
David W. Jones, Recorder, Box 899, Sheridan, Wyo.

Representative:

George L. Smith, 297 So. Main St., Sheridan, Wyo.

67 **KALURAH TEMPLE** **Binghampton, N. Y.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded June 15, 1899.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,039
H. Carl Hardie, Potentate,
Binghamton R. R. Co., Binghamton, N. Y.
David M. Johnson, Recorder,
4 Masonic Temple, Binghamton, N. Y.

Representatives:

H. Carl Hardie, Binghamton Ry. Co., Binghamton, N. Y.
James T. Rogers, 445 O'Neil Bldgs., Binghamton, N. Y.
Henry M. Smith, 34 Chenango St., Binghamton, N. Y.
Amos M. Johnson, Whitney Point, N. Y.

68 **KARNAK TEMPLE** **Montreal, Can.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded November 8, 1899.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 600
H. D. Mayne, Potentate, Malone, N. Y.
Alexander B. J. Moore, Recorder, Box 1558, Montreal, Can.

Representatives:

Philip D. Gordon, 80 St. Francis Xavier St., Montreal, Can.
Duncan A. Young, 64 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal, Can.
Alex. B. J. Moore, P. O. Box 1558, Montreal, Can.
Richard S. Kinghorn, 85 Osborne St., Montreal, Can.

69 **KEM TEMPLE** **Grand Forks, N. D.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded June 9, 1909.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 539
Clarence A. Hale, Potentate, Grand Forks, N. D.
C. N. Barnes, Recorder, 118 S. 3d St., Grand Forks, N. D.

Representatives:

Clarence A. Hale, Grand Forks, N. D.
Harry Lord, Cando, N. D.
William Spriggs, Grand Forks, N. D.

70 **KHEDIVE TEMPLE** **Norfolk, Va.**
Date of Regular Session, February 1, May 3, October 4, December 6.
Founded June 9, 1909.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 471
John N. Sebrell, Jr., Potentate,
Seaboard National Bank, Norfolk, Va.
W. W. Calt, Recorder, 305 W. Westover Ave., Norfolk, Va.

Representatives:
George H. Lewis Dickson Bldg., Norfolk, Va.
John N. Sebrell, Jr., Seaboard Pank Bldg., Norfolk, Va.
William Chapman, 306 High St., Portsmouth, Va.

71 **KERAK TEMPLE** **Reno, Nev.**
Date of Regular Session, 4th Saturday.
Founded December 10, 1906.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 327
H. E. Read, Potentate, Reno, Nev.
Frank D. King, Recorder, Box 595, Reno, Nev.

Representatives:
Alfred W. Holmes, Reno, Nev.
William F. Robinson, Reno, Nev.

72 **KHARTUM TEMPLE** **Winnipeg, Man.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded November 19, 1904.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 455
Arthur W. Chapman, Potentate, P. O. Box 2988, Winnipeg, Man.
William A. McKay, Recorder, P. O. Box 2988, Winnipeg, Man.

Representatives:
Wm. G. Bell, S. W. Block, Winnipeg, Man.
A. W. Chapman, P. O. Box 2,988, Winnipeg, Man.
W. F. Taylor, 492 Main St., Winnipeg, Man.

73 **KISMET TEMPLE** **Brooklyn, N. Y.**
Date of Regular Session, monthly on call of Potentate.
Founded July 2, 1888.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,527.
John A. Morison, Potentate, 63 Park Row, New York, N. Y.
John W. Richardson, Recorder,
92 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Representatives:
John A. Morison, 63 Park Row, New York, N. Y.
Henry Lange, 82 Beaver St., New York, N. Y.
William Bamber, 307 Greenwich St., New York, N. Y.
Conrad B. Dykeman, 657 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

74 **KORA TEMPLE** **Lewiston, Me.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded December 14, 1891.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,219
James A. Dunning, Potentate, 40 Broad St., Bangor, Me.
A. L. Stockbridge, Recorder, Box 345, Lewiston, Me.

Representatives:
James A. Dunning, Bangor, Me.
J. Putnam Stevens, Portland, Me.
Charles H. Osgood, Lewiston, Me.
C. E. Herrick, Brownville, Me.

75 **KOREIN TEMPLE** **Rawlins, Wyo.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Friday each month.
Founded October 8, 1894.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 504
K. H. Hadsell, Potentate, Rawlins, Wyo.
Charles Miller, Recorder, Rawlins, Wyo.

Representatives:
William Daley, Rawlins, Wyo.
Frank A. Hadsell, Rawlins, Wyo.
Peter S. Cook, Cheyenne, Wyo.

76 **KOSAIR TEMPLE** **Louisville, Ky.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Friday each month.
Founded December 5, 1884.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,512
William H. Bartholomew, Potentate,
Todd Bldg., Louisville, Ky.
William J. Watkins, Recorder,
Lincoln Bank Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

Representatives:
Wm. B. Trumbo, Sr., 462 So. 4th St., Louisville, Ky.
Albert P. Gans, 526 W. Main St., Louisville, Ky.
Alonzo T. Macdonald, 311 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.
William H. Bartholomew, Todd Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

77 **LU LU TEMPLE** **Philadelphia, Pa.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Wednesday each month.
Founded December 31, 1883.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 4,858
W. Freeland Kendrick, Potentate,
4,526 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Philip C. Shaffer, Recorder,
1,337 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Representatives:
W. Freeland Kendrick, 4,526 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Herman Rehborn, 927 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Francis J. Callahan, 838 N. 63d St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Edwin S. Mershon,
2,321 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Philip C. Shaffer, (ad vitam),
1,337 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Pa.

78 **LUXOR TEMPLE** **St. John, N. B.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded June 26, 1903.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 441
Fred H. Barr, Potentate, 112 Waterloo St., St. John, N. B.
Charles Robinson, Recorder, 106 Elliot Row, St. John, N. B.

Representatives:
Frank L. Dixon, Sydney, N. S.
Fred H. Barr, 112 Waterloo St., St. John, N. B.
Albert E. Massie, 30 Carmarthen St, St. John, N. B.

79 **Mecca Temple** **New York, N. Y.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded September 26, 1872.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 6 971
Thomas A. Lewis, Potentate,
40 Morningside Ave., New York, N. Y.
Saram R. Ellison, Recorder, 118 W. 103d St., New York, N. Y.

Representatives:
William J. Matthews, 842 8th Ave., New York, N. Y.
Thomas A. Lewis, 40 Morningside Ave., New York, N. Y.
John L. Thomas, 161 W. 35th St., New York, N. Y.
Edward A. Kraussman, 249 W. 132d St., New York, N. Y.
Walter M. Fleming (ad vitam),
141 Rich Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
James McGee (emeritus),
22 So. Eliot Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
George W. Millar (emeritus), 64 Duane St., New York, N. Y.

80 **MEDIA TEMPLE** **Watertown, N. Y.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Monday each month.
Founded March 19, 1891.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,163
Frank S. Kenyon, Potentate, Adams, N. Y.
George W. Hulse, Recorder, Watertown, N. Y.

Representatives:
Frank S. Kenyon, Adams, N. Y.
M. Seeley Prayn, Watertown, N. Y.
R. Porter Johnson, Ogdensburg, N. Y.
George W. Kirk, Oswego, N. Y.

81 **MEDINAH TEMPLE** **Chicago, Ill.**
Date of Regular Session, monthly.
Founded October 30, 1882.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 10 736
Robert J. Daly, Potentate,
Room 824, 206 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.
Samuel H. Smith, Recorder,
Room 824, 206 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Representatives:

Robert J. Daly, Room 824, 206 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.
John Hust, 305 W. Indiana St., Chicago, Ill.
Oscar A. Kropt, 1001 National Life Ins. Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
Nelson N. Lampert, 134 Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.
Frank C. Roundy (ad vitam), 111 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

82 **MELHA TEMPLE** **Springfield, Mass.**
Date of Regular Session, last Thursday each month, except July and August.
Founded June 9, 1897.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,029
Frank E. Ladd, Potentate, 798 State St., Springfield, Mass.
Edwin O. Hibbard, Recorder,
P. O. Box 1,501, Springfield, Mass.

Representatives:

Frank E. Ladd, 798 State St., Springfield, Mass.
Albert E. Taylor, Chicopee Falls, Mass.
Junius B. Temple, North Adams, Mass.
Robert P. Cunningham, No. Pleasant St., Holyoke, Mass.

83 **MIDIAN TEMPLE** **Wichita, Kan.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Wednesday, except July and August.
Founded June 9, 1909.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 836
Samuel B. Amidon, Potentate, Wichita, Kan.
J. F. McCoy, Recorder, Wichita, Kan.

Representatives:

George H. Bradford, Wichita, Kan.
S. B. Amidon, Wichita, Kan.
Thomas G. Fitch, Wichita, Kan.
W. P. Innes, Wichita, Kan.

84 **MIRZA TEMPLE** **Pittsburg, Kan.**
Date of Regular Session, each Wednesday.
Founded June 9, 1909.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 603
J. J. Campbell, Potentate, Pittsburg, Kan.
W. H. Yarcho, Recorder, Pittsburg, Kan.

Representatives:

B. S. Gaitskill, Girard, Kan.
J. J. Campbell, Pittsburg, Kan.
Chevalier A. Ludlow, Pittsburg, Kan.
C. E. Mellette, Pittsburg, Kan.

85 **MIZPAH TEMPLE** **Fort Wayne, Ind.**
Date of Regular Session, last Monday each month.
Founded April 27, 1909.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 652
E. H. Merritt, Potentate, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Charles E. Read, Recorder, S. Rite Cathedral, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Representatives:

Edward H. Merritt, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Myron Downing, Downing Bakery, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Arthur F. Hall, Lincoln Life Ins. Co., Fort Wayne, Ind.
Charles E. Read, S. Rite Cathedral, Fort Wayne, Ind.

86 **MOCHA TEMPLE** **London, Ont., Can.**
Date of Regular Session, on call.
Dispensation granted January 1, 1908.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 586
R. W. Shaw, Potentate, 287 King St., London, Ont.
William H. Abbott, Recorder, 322 Dundas St., London, Ont.

Representatives:

R. W. Shaw, 287 King St., London, Ont.
Ben Noble, 235 Queens Ave., London, Ont.
R. H. Reid, Mansion House, Ingersoll, Ont.

87 **MOHAMMED TEMPLE** **Peoria, Ill.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Tuesday each month.
Founded June 12, 1893.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,255
C. H. Todhunter, Potentate, 318 So. Adams St., Peoria, Ill.
Charles F. Hitchcock, Recorder,
111 No. Jefferson Ave. Peoria, Ill.

Representatives:

Seth F. Haskins, Union Ticket Office, Peoria, Ill.
C. H. Todhunter, 318 So. Adams St., Peoria, Ill.
William Fairlee, Franklin, Ill.
Warren Sutliff, 312 So. Adams St., Peoria, Ill.

88 **MOILA TEMPLE** **St. Joseph, Mo.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d and 4th Wednesday each month.
Founded December 1, 1887.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 804
Charles A. Battreall, Potentate,
4th and Jule Sts., St. Joseph, Mo.
A. M. Worden, Recorder, 615 No. 22d St., St. Joseph, Mo.

Representatives:

Charles A. Battreall, 4th and Jule Sts., St. Joseph, Mo.
J. C. Wing, 613 Felix St., St. Joseph, Mo.
W. E. Jameson, 1,512 So. 12th St., St. Joseph, Mo.
Jno. W. Holtman, Stock Yards, So. St. Joseph, Mo.
Alvah P. Clayton (ad vitam), St. Joseph, Mo.

89 **MOOLAH TEMPLE** **St. Louis, Mo.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Wednesday each month.
Founded April 26, 1886.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,315
Walter S. Ashton, Potentate,
700 Wainwright Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
John R. Parson, Recorder, 510 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.

Representatives:

Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr.,
5,651 Bartimer Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Walter S. Ashton, 700 Wainwright Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
George T. Matthews, 20 So. St., St. Louis, Mo.
G. H. Bahrenburg, 3,911 W. Belle Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

90 **MOROCCO TEMPLE** **Jacksonville, Fla.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Thursday after 2d Tuesday each month.
Founded March 28, 1888.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 778
T. G. Hutchinson, Potentate, Jacksonville, Fla.
John B. Lucy, Recorder, Jacksonville, Fla.

Representatives:

Thomas G. Hutchinson, Jacksonville, Fla.
Harry B. Roberts, Tampa, Fla.
W. M. Bostwick, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.
W. A. MacWilliams, Saint Augustine, Fla.

91 **MOSLEM TEMPLE** **Detroit, Mich.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Tuesday each month.
Founded April 21, 1880.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 3,436
William T. Benallack, Potentate,
401 W. C. Bank Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
Arba M. Seymour, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Detroit, Mich.

Representatives:

William Van Sickle, 1,111 Majestic Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
George W. Fowle, 51 Joy St., Detroit, Mich.
Thomas A. Conlon, 805 Majestic Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
William T. Benallack, 401 W. C. Bank Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

92 **MOUNT SINAI TEMPLE** **Montpelier, Vt.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Friday in March, June, September and December.
Founded October 31, 1876.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,171
Joseph W. Jackson, Potentate, Barre, Vt.
Charles H. Heaton, Recorder, Montpelier, Vt.

Representatives:

Thomas W. Fletcher, Bridport, Vt.
Joseph W. Jackson, Barre, Vt.
Charles E. Townsend, Rochester, Vt.
George F. Root, Newport, Vt.

93 **MURAT TEMPLE** **Indianapolis, Ind.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Monday each month.
Founded March 13, 1884.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 3,409
Elias J. Jacoby, Potentate,
Odd Fellows' Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.
Fred W. Brown, Recorder, P. O. Box 312, Indianapolis, Ind.

Representatives:

Elias J. Jacoby, Odd Fellows' Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.
Charles Mayer, 29 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Henry W. Klausmann, City Engineer's Office, Indianapolis, Ind.
Alexander Rumpler, 1,227 State Life Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

94 **NAJA TEMPLE** **Deadwood, S. D.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Saturday in March, June and September.
Founded September 19, 1892.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 426
David S. Bentley, Potentate, Lead, S. D.
J. A. Poznansky, Recorder, Deadwood, S. D.

Representatives:

Hubert W. Bartlett, Edgemont, S. D.
D. H. Crary, Deadwood, S. D.
D. S. Bentley, Lead, S. D.

95 **NILE TEMPLE** **Seattle, Wash.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Wednesday each month.
Dispensation granted July 15, 1908.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,034
Daniel B. Trefethen, Potentate,
304 Coleman Bldg., Seattle, Wash.
E. C. Beede, Recorder, 205 Oriental Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

Representatives:

Frank B. Lazier, 716 2d Ave., Seattle, Wash.
John R. Thompson, 44 E. Thomas St., Seattle, Wash.
Donald B. Olson, Alaska Bldg., Seattle, Wash.
John F. Miller, American Bank Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

96 **OASIS TEMPLE** **Charlotte, N. C.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded October 10, 1894.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,038
J. F. Rhem, Potentate, Charlotte, N. C.
R. H. Ramsay, Recorder, Charlotte, N. C.

Representatives:

A. J. Crampton, Charlotte, N. C.
W. T. Randolph, Asheville, N. C.
T. C. Linn, Salisbury, N. C.
R. S. Reinhardt, Lincolnton, N. C.

97 **OLEIKA TEMPLE** **Lexington, Ky.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Thursday.
Founded January 1, 1908.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 411
James P. Jackson, Potentate, Georgetown, Ky.
William M. Yent, Recorder, P. O. Box 75, Lexington, Ky.

Representatives:

Charles M. Harris, Versailles, Ky.
William F. Clark, Lexington, Ky.
William M. Yent, Lexington, Ky.

98 **OMAR TEMPLE** **Charleston, S. C.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded December 27, 1906.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,091
J. E. McDonald, Potentate, Winnsboro, S. C.
Henry O. Strohecker, Recorder, 287 King St., Charleston, S. C.

Representatives:

James R. Johnson, Charleston, S. C.
George T. Bryan, Greenville, S. C.
Illian W. Johnson, Yorkville, S. C.
S. G. Finley, Spartanburg, S. C.

99 **ORAK TEMPLE** **Hammond, Ind.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Monday each month.
Founded April 27, 1909.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 225
Harry E. Sharrer, Potentate, Hammond, Ind.
John W. Morthland, Recorder, 200 Ruff Bldg., Hammond, Ind.

Representative:

Harry E. Sharrer, Hammond, Ind.

100 **ORIENTAL TEMPLE** **Troy, N. Y.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded February 7, 1877.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,662
William H. Paaschen, Potentate, P. O. Box 546, Troy, N. Y.
William V. N. Stowell, Recorder, 14 First St., Troy, N. Y.

Representatives:

Wm. H. Paaschen, P. O. Box 546, Troy, N. Y.
Frank Walsh, 205 Glenwood Blvd., Schenectady, N. Y.
Frank O. Stiles, Troy, N. Y.
George B. Preston, Watervliet, N. Y.

101 **OSIRIS TEMPLE** **Wheeling, W. Va.**
Date of Regular Session, 4th Friday each month.
Founded July 22, 1886.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,876
Robert C. Darrah, Potentate,
Care of Block Bros. Tobacco Co., Wheeling, W. Va.
George E. Waterhouse, Recorder,
P. O. Box 378, Wheeling, W. Va.

Representatives:

William W. Irwin, 24th and Chapline Sts., Wheeling, W. Va.
Robert C. Darrah,
Care of Block Bros. Tobacco Co., Wheeling, W. Va.
Charles D. Adams, 65 15th St., Wheeling, W. Va.
Albert B. White, Parkersburg, W. Va.

102 **OSMAN TEMPLE** **St. Paul, Minn**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Wednesday each month.
Founded July 13, 1885.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,399
Wm. B. Webster, Potentate, 289 Rice St., St. Paul, Minn.
John Fishel, Recorder, Masonic Temple, St. Paul, Minn.

Representatives:

Wm. B. Webster, 289 Rice St., St. Paul, Minn.
J. Harry Lewis, The Crescent, St. Paul, Minn.
Frank J. Peterson, 1,080 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
Tom S. Rishworth, Germania Life Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

103 **PALESTINE TEMPLE** **Providence, R. I.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded February 6, 1886.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,698
Clarence M. Dunbar, Potentate,
85 Sprague St., Providence, R. I.
William E. Husband, Recorder, 71 Tanner St., Providence, R. I.

Representatives:

Clarence M. Dunbar, 85 Sprague St., Providence, R. I.
Frederick I. Dana, Providence, R. I.
John R. Dennis, Elmwood Mills, Providence, R. I.
James A. Rogers, P. O. Box 95, Providence, R. I.

104 **PYRAMID TEMPLE** **Bridgeport, Conn.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Wednesday each month, except July, August and September.
Founded April 18, 1877.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,468
Philip S. Holzer, Potentate, Care Staples & Co., State St., Bridgeport, Conn.
E. Stewart Sumner, Recorder, 129 Wall St., Bridgeport, Conn.

Representatives:

Angus H. MacKenzie, Public Market, Bridgeport, Conn.
Carleton E. Hoadley, Box 357, New Haven, Conn.
Philip S. Holzer, Care Staples & Co., State St., Bridgeport, Conn.
Frederick L. Gaylord, Postmaster, Ansonia, Conn.

105 **RAJAH TEMPLE** **Reading, Pa.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded August 20, 1892.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,846
Alfred L. Reichenbach, Potentate, Allentown, Pa.
James B. Marsh, Recorder, 139 No. 5th St., Reading, Pa.

Representatives:

Maurice E. Roeder, 108 11th St., Reading, Pa
James B Marsh, 139 No. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
W. Harvey Hartzell, Jr., 22 No. 8th St., Allentown, Pa.
W. Wayne Weber, 905 Buttonwood St., Reading, Pa.

106 **RAMESES TEMPLE** **Toronto, Can.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded April 21, 1887.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,525
John H. Dunlop, Potentate, 644 Lansdowne Ave., Toronto, Ontario.
A. Macoomb, Recorder, 44 Richmond St., W. Toronto, Ontario.

Representatives:

Fred W. Halls, Wellington, St., W., Toronto, Ontario.
James Glanville, 25 Wellington St., E., Toronto, Ontario.
E. J. Redpath, Chemical Bldg., Queen's Park, Ontario.
J. H. Dunlop, 644 Lansdowne Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

107 **RIZPAH TEMPLE** **Madisonville, Ky.**
Date of Regular Session, Thursday after 1st Monday each month.
Dispensation granted July 15, 1908.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 252
George C. Atkinson, Potentate, Earlington, Ky.
Charles O. Osburn, Recorder, Madisonville, Ky.

Representative:

George C. Atkinson, Earlington, Ky.

108 **SAHARA TEMPLE** **Pine Bluff, Ark.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Thursday each month.
Founded April 16, 1889.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 562
T. J. Collier, Potentate, Altheimer, Ark.
William T. Toney, Recorder, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Representatives:

Charles H. Puddephatt, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Robert P. Wood, Altheimer, Ark.
Nicholas J. Grant, Jr., Pine Bluff, Ark.

109 **SALADIN TEMPLE** **Grand Rapids, Mich.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded April 22, 1886.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,927
William E. Elliott, Potentate, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Guy Johnston, Eagle Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Representatives:

L. A. Cornelius, Grand Rapids, Mich.
William E. Elliott, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Guy Johnston, Eagle Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Lou B. Winsor (ad vitam), Reed City, Mich.
C. L. Lane, Reed City, Mich.

110 **SALAAM TEMPLE** **Newark, N. J.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded May 4, 1903.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,400
Andrew C. Snyder, Potentate, 35 Second Ave., Newark, N. J.
George C. Ward, Recorder, 142 Market St., Newark, N. J.

Representatives:

Andrew C. Snyder, 35 Second Ave., Newark, N. J.
Walter F. J. White, Paterson, N. J.
Louis A. Kreiser, 94 Fulton St., New York, N. Y.
Frank A. Champlin, 22 Clinton St., Newark, N. J.

111 **SESOSTRIS TEMPLE** **Lincoln, Neb.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Saturday each month.
Founded June 22, 1887.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,034
V. A. Matthews, Potentate, Lincoln, Neb.
J. A. Traphagen, Recorder, 1,935 Washington St., Lincoln, Neb.

Representatives:

V. A. Matthews, Lincoln, Neb.
Charles C. Quiggle, Lincoln, Neb.
Cameron MacIntyre, Lincoln, Neb.
M. L. Pierce, Superior, Neb.

112 **SPHINX TEMPLE** **Hartford, Conn.**
Date of Regular Session, 3d Wednesday each month, except July and August.
Founded April 13, 1896.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,299
William W. Frayer, Potentate, Hartford, Conn.
Richard P. Martin, Recorder, Hartford, Conn.

Representatives:

William W. Frayer, Hartford, Conn.
George W. Klett, New Britain, Conn.
William F. Loomis, Hartford, Conn.
Henry F. Smith, Hartford, Conn.

113 **SYRIA TEMPLE** **Pittsburg, Pa.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded May 27, 1877.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 3,775
Edward J. Hamilton, Potentate, Box 188, Duquesne, Pa.
James Kerr, Jr., Recorder, P. O. Box 790, Pittsburg, Pa.

Representatives:

Theo. A. Motheral, Commonwealth Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.
Charles T. Moore, Park Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.
Azor R. Hunt, Munhall, Pa.
Edward Hope, 431 5th Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
William S. Brown (emeritus), 523 Wood St., Pittsburg, Pa.
Theo. W. Siemon (emeritus), Pittsburg, Pa.
George W. McCandless (emeritus), 48th St. and A. V. R. R., Pittsburg, Pa.

114 **SYRIAN TEMPLE** **Cincinnati, O.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d and 4th Saturdays each month.
Founded February 8, 1877.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,168
Wm. H. Lueders, Potentate, 429 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O.
John H. Dunhoiter, Recorder, 55 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O.

Representatives:

Frank J. Zumstein, 12 E. 6th St., Cincinnati, O.
Joel C. Clore, Bell Block, Cincinnati, O.

Edward S. Keefer, Provident Bank Bldg., Cincinnati, O.
R. E. Lee, Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, O.
William B. Melish (ad vitam), 612 W. 6th St., Cincinnati, O.

115 **TANGIER TEMPLE** **Omaha, Neb.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Thursday each month.
Founded April 24, 1889.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,456
James A. Howard, Potentate, Benson, Neb.
W. T. Bourke, Recorder, P. O. Box 523, Omaha, Neb.

Representatives:

James A. Howard, Bank of Benson, Benson, Neb.
James Cameron, 2,412 Emmet St., Omaha, Neb.
John H. Butler, 1,403 N. 33d St., Omaha, Neb.
John B. Watkins, 2,511 O St., So., Omaha, Neb.
Henry C. Akin (ad vitam), Postmaster's Office, Omaha, Neb.

116 **TEBALA TEMPLE** **Rockford, Ill.**
Date of Regular Session, 4th Wednesday each month.
Founded May 10, 1894.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,013
Henry O. Whitney, Potentate, 613 Whitman St., Rockford, Ill.
Frank L. Eby, Recorder, C. U. Tel. Co., Rockford, Ill.

Representatives:

Chalmers J. Seymour, 501 Rockton Ave., Rockford, Ill.
Harry O. Whitney, 613 Whitman St., Rockford, Ill.
Clayton R. Burt, 523 Fisher Ave., Rockford, Ill.
Charles R. Hall, R. F. D. 7, Rockford, Ill.

117 **TRIPOLI TEMPLE** **Milwaukee, Wis.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Wednesday each month.
Founded March 9, 1885.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,800
Max W. Heck, Potentate, Racine, Wis.
Adolph H. Wagner, Recorder,
303 Masonic Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

Representatives:

George T. Hooley, 744 Marshall St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Max W. Heck, Racine, Wis.
Julius P. Heil, 1,032 National Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
Frank M. Weinhold, 3,033 Galena St., Milwaukee, Wis.

118 **WAHABI TEMPLE, U. D.** **Jackson, Minn.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded July 12, 1911.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 638
Walter A. Scott, Potentate, Jackson, Minn.
Geo. B. Power, Recorder, Jackson, Minn.
Not entitled to Representatives.

119 **WA-WA TEMPLE** **Regina, Can.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded December 1, 1910.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 181
Frederick W. Logan, Potentate, P. O. Box 844, Regina, Can.
I. W. Sneath, Recorder, Box 844, Regina, Can.

Representative:

Frederick W. Logan, Regina, Can.

120 **YAARAB TEMPLE** **Atlanta, Ga.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded December 8, 1889.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,255
John A. Hynde, Potentate, Atlanta, Ga.
George E. Argard, Recorder, Masons' Annuity, Atlanta, Ga.

Representatives:

Forrest Adair, Century Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
John A. Hynde, Atlanta, Ga.
David L. Griffin, Atlanta, Ga.
Clifford B. Glover, Newnan, Ga.

121 **YELDUZ TEMPLE** **Aberdeen, S. D.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Thursday each month.
Founded July 14, 1904.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 509
John F. Zietlow, Potentate, Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Walter G. Jacobs, Recorder, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Representatives:

Walter G. Jacobs, Aberdeen, S. Dak.
John F. Zietlow, Aberdeen, S. Dak.
N. Howard Wendall, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

122 **ZA-GA-ZIG TEMPLE** **Des Moines, Ia.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded May 23, 1900.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,820
Earl C. Mills, Potentate, 217 Youngman Bldg., Des Moines, Ia.
J. Jolly Jones, Recorder, Shrine Temple, Des Moines, Ia.

Representatives:

Earl C. Mills, 217 Youngman Bldg., Des Moines, Ia.
A. W. Eberhart, 423 Walnut St., Des Moines, Ia.
H. E. Rex, 1,351 28th St., Des Moines, Ia.
C. E. Sullenberger, Colfax, Ia.

123 **ZAMORA TEMPLE** **Birmingham, Ala.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Wednesday in March, June and September.
Founded November 10, 1890.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,051
Joseph D Matlock, Potentate, P. O. Box 128, Ensley, Ala.
Charles J. Geoghan, Recorder,
1,428 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala.

Representatives:

Franklin B. Keiser, 2,170 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Joseph D. Matlock, Ensley, Ala.
Joseph R. McGregor, 105 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala.
Duncan May, Montgomery, Ala.

124 **ZEMBO TEMPLE** **Harrisburg, Pa.**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Wednesday each month.
Founded July 14, 1904.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,266
Geo. W. McIllhenny, Potentate,
25 No. 13th St., Harrisburg, Pa.
Frederick J. Smith, Recorder, P. O. Box 440, Harrisburg, Pa.

Representatives:

Samuel S. Lewis, Security Title Bldg., York, Pa.
Charles S. Smith, 1,315 No. 2d St., Harrisburg, Pa.
Francis H. Hoy, Jr., 1,015 No. 3d St., Harrisburg, Pa.
L. Newton Leeds, 351 So. 13th St., Harrisburg, Pa.

125 **ZEM ZEM TEMPLE** **Erie, Pa.**
Date of Regular Session, on call of Potentate.
Founded November 10, 1890.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 1,210
Homer S. Barnes, Potentate, Shrines Club, Erie, Pa.
Peter Barkey, Recorder, 130 W. 9th St., Erie, Pa.

Representatives:

Homer S. Barnes, Shrines Club, Erie, Pa.
Geo. F. Diehl, 509 W. 17th St., Erie, Pa.
John C. Sturgeon, 726 State St., Erie, Pa.
Williard Howe, Jr., Box 509, Oil City, Pa.

126 **ZENOBIA TEMPLE** **Toledo, O.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Thursday each month.
Founded June 14, 1898.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 776
Frederick L. Geddes, Potentate, 1103 Ohio Bldg, Toledo, O.
Thomas B. Guitteau, Recorder, Masonic Temple, Toledo, O.

Representatives:

Fred L. Geddes, 1103 Ohio Bldg., Toledo, O.
John H. Lloyd, Care Lloyd Bros., Toledo, O.

John C. Newton, Court House, Toledo, O.
Jesse D. Hurlbut, Care T. G. and M. Co., Toledo, O.

127 **ZIYARA TEMPLE** **Utica, N. Y.**
Date of Regular Session, 1st Wednesday or last Friday each month.
Founded October 30, 1877.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 939
Fred O. Jones, Potentate, 226 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y.
E. Searles Jones, Recorder, 131 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y.

Representatives:

John McKinnon, Herkimer, N. Y.
E. G. Van Deventer, Box 332, Syracuse, N. Y.
Fred O. Jones, 225 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y.
M. J. Davies, Utica, N. Y.
John W. Boyle, (emeritus) 30 Arcade, Utica, N. Y.

128 **ZORAH TEMPLE** **Terre Haute, Ind**
Date of Regular Session, 2d Fridays.
Founded June 9, 1909.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 227
Will W. Adamson, Potentate,
644 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, Ind.
J. O. Shultz, Recorder, 21 No. 6th St., Terre Haute, Ind.

Representative:

Will W. Adamson, 644 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, Ind.

129 **ZUHRAH TEMPLE** **Minneapolis, Minn.**
Date of Regular Session, 4th Friday each month.
Founded July 22, 1885.
Membership, January 1, 1912, 2,307
Albert L. Hazer, Potentate,
2555 Emerson Ave., So. Minneapolis, Minn.
Frank H. Forbes, Recorder,
240 Temple Court, Minneapolis, Minn.

Representatives:

Charles E. Ovenshire, 626 Bryant Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn.
J. E. Meyers, Metropolitan Life Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
Frank J. Meyst, 805 Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn.
A. L. Hazer, 2555 Emerson Ave., So. Minneapolis, Minn.

States With Temples, January 1, 1912

STATE.	TEMPLES.
Alabama	Abba and Zamora Temples
Arkansas	Al Amin and Sahara Temples
Arizona	El Zaribah Temple
California	Al Malaikah, Islam and Aahmes Temples
Colorado	El Jebel Temple
Connecticut	Pyramid and Sphinx Temples
District of Columbia	Almas Temple
Florida	Morocco Temple
Georgia	Alee, Yaarab and Al Sihah Temples
Halifax, N. S.	Azhur Temple
Idaho	El Korah and Calam Temples
Illinois	Medinah, Mohammed and Tebala Temples
Indiana	Murat, Orak, Hadi, Mizpah and Zorah Temples
Iowa	El Kahir, Kaaba, Za-Ga-Zig and Abu Bekr Temples
Kansas	Abdallah, Isis, Mirza and Midian Temples
Kentucky	Kosair, El Hasa, Rizpah and Oleika Temples
Louisiana	Jerusalem Temple
Maine	Kora Temple
Maryland	Boumi Temple
Massachusetts	Aleppo and Melha Temples
Michigan	Ahmed, Moslem, Saladin and Elf Khurafeh Temples
Minnesota	Aad, Osman and Zuhrah Temples
Missouri	Abou Ben Adhem, Ararat, Moila and Moolah Temples
Mississippi	Wahabi and Hamasa Temples
Montana	Bagdad and Algeria Temples
Nebraska	Sesostris and Tangier Temples
New Hampshire	Bektash Temple
New Jersey	Crescent and Salaam Temples
New Mexico	Ballut Abyad Temple
New York	Cyprus, Damascus, Ismalia, Kalurah, Kismet, Mecca, Media, Oriental and Ziyara Temples
Nevada	Kerak Temple
North Carolina	Oasis Temple
North Dakota	Kem and El Zagal Temple
Ohio	Aladdin, Al Koran, Antioch, Syrian and Zenobia Temples
Oklahoma	Akdar, Bedouin and India Temples
Oregon	Al Kader and Hillah Temples
Pennsylvania	Irem, Jaffa, Lu Lu, Rajah, Syria, Zem Zem and Zembo Temples
Rhode Island	Palestine Temple
South Carolina	Omar Temple
South Dakota	El Riad, Naja and Yelduz Temples
Tennessee	Al Chymia and Alhambra Temples
Texas	El Mina, Ben Hur, Hella and El Maida Temples
Utah	El Kalah Temple
Vermont	Cairo and Mount Sinai Temples
Virginia	Khedive and Acca Temples
Washington	Afifi, El Katif and Nile Temples
West Virginia	Beni Kedem and Osiris Temples
Wisconsin	Tripoli Temple
Wyoming	Kalif and Korein Temples
Canada	Al Azhar, Mocha, Gizeh, Luxor, Karnak, Rameses, Khartum and Wa-Wa Temples
Hawaiian Islands	Aloha Temple
Mexico	Anezeh Temple
Number of Nobles, January 1, 1912	172,661

Cities With Temples, January 1, 1912.

NAME OF CITY.	NAME OF TEMPLE.
Aberdeen, South Dakota	Yelduz Temple
Albany, N. Y.	Cyrus Temple
Albuquerque, New Mexico	Ballut Abyad Temple
Altoona, Pennsylvania	Jaffa Temple
Ashland, Kentucky	El Hasa Temple
Ashland, Oregon	Hillah Temple
Austin, Texas	Ben Hur Temple
Atlanta, Georgia	Yaarab Temple
Baltimore, Maryland	Boumi Temple
Binghamton, New York	Kalurah Temple
Birmingham, Alabama	Zamora Temple
Boise City, Idaho	El Korah Temple
Boston, Massachusetts	Aleppo Temple
Brooklyn, New York	Kismet Temple
Buffalo, New York	Ismalia Temple
Bridgeport, Connecticut	Pyramid Temple
Butte, Montana	Bagdad Temple
Calgary, Manitoba	Al Azhar Temple

CITIES WITH TEMPLES

NAME OF CITY.	NAME OF TEMPLE.
Charlotte, North Carolina	Oasis Temple
Charleston, South Carolina	Omar Temple
Charleston, West Virginia	Beni Kedem Temple
Chattanooga, Tennessee	Alhambra Temple
Chicago, Illinois	Medinah Temple
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	El Kahir Temple
Cincinnati, Ohio	Syrian Temple
Cleveland, Ohio	Al Koran Temple
Columbus, Ohio	Aladdin Temple
Concord, New Hampshire	Bektash Temple
Dayton, Ohio	Antioch Temple
Denver, Colorado	El Jebel Temple
Dallas, Texas	Hella Temple
Detroit, Michigan	Moslem Temple
Davenport, Iowa	Kaaba Temple
Deadwood, South Dakota	Naja Temple
Des Moines, Iowa	Za-Ga-Zig Temple
Duluth, Minn.	Aad Temple
Erie, Pennsylvania	Zem Zem Temple
El Paso, Texas	El Maida Temple
Evansville, Indiana	Hadi Temple
Fort Wayne, Indiana	Mizpah Temple
Grand Forks, North Dakota	Kem Temple
Galveston, Texas	El Mina Temple
Halifax, Nova Scotia	Azhar Temple
Hammond, Indiana	Orak Temple
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	Zembo Temple
Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands	Aloha Temple
Helena, Montana	Algeria Temple
Hartford, Connecticut	Sphinx Temple
Indianapolis, Indiana	Murat Temple
Jackson, Mississippi	Wahabi Temple
Jacksonville, Florida	Morocco Temple
Kansas City, Missouri	Ararat Temple
Leavenworth, Kansas	Abdallah Temple
London, Ontario	Mocha Temple
Los Angeles, California	Al Malaikah Temple
Lewiston, Maine	Kora Temple
Lewiston, Idaho	Calam Temple
Lexington, Kentucky	Oleika Temple
Lincoln, Nebraska	Sesostris Temple
Little Rock, Arkansas	Al Amin Temple
Louisville, Kentucky	Kosair Temple
Macon, Georgia	Al Sihah Temple
Madisonville, Kentucky	Rizpah Temple
Memphis, Tennessee	Al Chymia Temple
Meridian, Mississippi	Hamasa Temple
Mexico City, Mexico	Anezeh Temple
Minneapolis, Minnesota	Zuhrah Temple
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Tripoli Temple
Marquette, Michigan	Ahmed Temple
Mobile, Alabama	Abba Temple
Montpelier, Vermont	Mount Sinai Temple
Montreal, Canada	Karnak Temple
Muskogee, Oklahoma	Bedouin Temple
Newark, New Jersey	Salaam Temple
New York, New York	Mecca Temple
New Orleans, Louisiana	Jerusalem Temple
Norfolk, Virginia	Khedive Temple
Omaha, Nebraska	Tangier Temple
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	India Temple
Portland, Oregon	Al Kader Temple
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Lu Lu Temple
Phoenix, Arizona	El Zaribah Temple
Peoria, Illinois	Mohammed Temple
Providence, Rhode Island	Palestine Temple
Pine Bluffs, Arkansas	Sahara Temple
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania	Syria Temple
Pittsburg, Kansas	Mirza Temple
Reading, Pennsylvania	Rajah Temple
Rawlins, Wyoming	Korein Temple
Regina, Canada	Wa-Wa Temple
Reno, Nevada	Kerak Temple
Rochester, New York	Damascus Temple
Richmond ,Virginia	Acca Temple
Rockford, Illinois	Tebala Temple
Rutland, Vermont	Cairo Temple
Saginaw, Michigan	Elf Khurafeh Temple
Seattle, Washington	Nile Temple
Sioux City, Iowa	Abu Bekr Temple
St. Paul, Minnesota	Osman Temple
St. Louis, Missouri	Moolah Temple
San Francisco, California	Islam Temple
St. Joseph, Missouri	Moila Temple
Salina, Kansas	Isis Temple
Sioux Falls, South Dakota	El Riad Temple
Spokane, Washington	El Katif Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah	El Kalah Temple
Savannah, Georgia	Alee Temple
Sheridan, Wyoming	Kalif Temple
Springfield, Massachusetts	Melha Temple
Springfield, Missouri	Abou Ben Adhem Temple
St. Johns, New Brunswick	Luxor Temple
Tacoma, Washington	Afifi Temple
Terre Haute, Indiana	Zorah Temple
Toledo, Ohio	Zenobia Temple
Toronto, Canada	Rameses Temple
Trenton, New Jersey	Crescent Temple
Troy, New York	Oriental Temple
Tulsa, Oklahoma	Akdar Temple
Utica, New York	Ziyara Temple
Victoria, British Columbia	Gizeh Temple
Washington, District of Columbia	Almas Temple
Watertown, New York	Media Temple
Wheeling, West Virginia	Osiris Temple
Wichita, Kansas	Midian Temple
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	Irem Temple
Winnipeg, Canada	Khartum Temple

Rank of Temples According to Date of Charters

	TEMPLE AND LOCATION.	DATE OF CHARTER
1	Mecca, New York, N. Y.	Sept. 26, 1872
2	Damascus, Rochester, N. Y.	June 7, 1876
3	Mt. Sinai, Montpelier, Vt.	Oct. 31, 1876
4	Al Koran, Cleveland, O.	Nov. 16, 1876
5	Cyprus, Albany, N. Y.	Feb. 2, 1877
6	Oriental, Troy, N. Y.	Feb. 7, 1877
7	Syrian, Cincinnati, O.	Feb. 8, 1877
8	Pyramid, Bridgeport, Conn.	April 18, 1877

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	TEMPLE AND LOCATION.	DATE OF CHARTER.
9	Syria, Pittsburg, Pa	May 27, 1877
10	Ziyara, Utica, N. Y.	Oct. 30, 1877
11	Kaaba, Davenport, Ia	July 1, 1878
12	Moslem, Detroit, Mich	April 27, 1880
13	Aleppo, Boston, Mass	June 23, 1882
14	Medinah, Chicago, Ill	Oct. 30, 1882
15	Islam, San Francisco, Cal.	March 6, 1883
16	Lu Lu, Philadelphia, Pa	Dec. 31, 1883
17	Murat, Indianapolis, Ind.	March, 13, 1884
18	Boumi, Baltimore, Md.	April 1, 1884
19	Kosair, Louisville, Ky	Dec. 5, 1884
20	Tripoli, Milwaukee, Wis	March 8, 1885
21	Jerusalem, New Orleans, La	March 30, 1885
22	Osman, St. Paul, Minn	July 23, 1885
23	Zuhrah, Minneapolis, Minn	July 22, 1885
24	Almas, Washington, D. C.	Jan. 17, 1886
25	Palestine, Providence, R. I	Feb. 6, 1886
26	El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Ia	Feb. 9, 1886
27	Saladin, Grand Rapids, Mich	April 22, 1886
28	Moolah, St. Louis, Mo	April 26, 1886
29	Acca, Richmond, Va	June 9, 1886
30	Osiris, Wheeling, W. Va	July 22, 1886
31	Abdallah, Leavenworth, Kan	March 28, 1887
32	Isis, Salina, Kan	March 29, 1887
33	Rameses, Toronto, Can	April 21, 1887
34	Hella, Dallas, Tex	May 31, 1887
35	Ballut Abyad, Albuquerque, N. M	June 11, 1887
36	Sesostris, Lincoln, Neb	June 22, 1887
37	Kismet, Brooklyn, N. Y	July 2, 1887
38	Ismailia, Buffalo, N. Y	Nov. 5, 1887
39	El Jebel, Denver, Colo	Dec. 11, 1887
40	Moila, St. Joseph, Mo	Dec. 11, 1887
41	Ararat, Kansas City, Mo	Dec. 11, 1887
42	Al Kader, Portland, Ore	Jan. 3, 1888
43	Al Malaikah, Los Angeles, Cal	Feb. 28, 1888
44	Algeria, Helena, Mont	March 23, 1888
45	Morocco, Jacksonville, Fla	March 28, 1888
46	El Riad, Sioux Falls, S. D	May 25, 1888
47	Afifi, Tacoma, Wash	Aug. 1, 1888
48	Sahara, Pine Bluff, Ark	April 16, 1889
49	Tangier, Omaha, Neb	April 24, 1889
50	Alhambra, Chattanooga, Tenn	Sept. 17, 1889
51	Yaarab, Atlanta, Ga	Dec. 8, 1889
52	El Zagal, Fargo, N. D	Dec. 14, 1889
53	El Kalah, Salt Lake City, Utah	June 8, 1890
54	El Katif, Spokane, Wash	June 10, 1890
55	Zem Zem, Erie, Pa	Nov. 10, 1890
56	Zamora, Birmingham, Ala	Nov. 10, 1890
57	Media, Watertown, N. Y	March 19, 1891
58	Al Chymia, Memphis, Tenn	May 10, 1891
59	Ben Hur, Austin, Tex	June 2, 1891
60	Kora, Lewiston, Me	Dec. 6, 1891
61	Hamasa, Meridian, Miss	May 22, 1892
62	Rajah, Reading, Pa	Aug. 20, 1892
63	Naja, Deadwood, S. D	Sept. 19, 1892
64	India, Oklahoma City, Okla	May 3, 1893
65	Mohammed, Peoria, Ill	June 12, 1893
66	Aladdin, Columbus, O	June 14, 1893
67	Ahmed, Marquette, Mich	June 14, 1893
68	Tebala, Rockford, Ill	May 10, 1894
69	Korein, Rawlins, Wyo	Oct. 8, 1894
70	Oasis, Charlotte, N. C	Oct. 10, 1894
71	Irem, Wilkes-Barre, Penn	Oct. 18, 1895
72	El Zaribah, Phoenix, Ariz	Jan. 20, 1896
73	Sphinx, Hartford, Conn	April 13, 1896
74	Alee, Savannah, Ga	June 23, 1896
75	El Korah, Boise City, Idaho	June 23, 1896
76	Beni Kedem, Charleston, W. Va	June 26, 1896
77	Melha, Springfield, Mass	June 9, 1897
78	Antioch, Dayton, O	June 9, 1898
79	Zenobia, Toledo, O	June 14, 1898
80	Kalurah, Binghamton, N. Y	June 14, 1898
81	Karnak, Montreal, Can	Oct. 9, 1899
82	Za-Ga-Zig, Des Moines, Ia	May 23, 1900
83	Aloha, Honolulu, H. I	May 23, 1900
84	El Mina, Galveston, Tex	June 11, 1902
85	Gizeh, Victoria, B. C	Aug. 1, 1902
86	Salaam, Newark, N. J	May 4, 1903
87	Abba, Mobile, Ala	June 18, 1903
88	Luxor, St. John, N. B	June 26, 1903
89	Abou Ben Adhem, Springfield, Mo	July 9, 1903
90	Jaffa, Altoona, Penn	July 9, 1903
91	Cairo, Rutland, Vt	July 9, 1903
92	Zembo, Harrisburg, Penn	July 14, 1904
93	Yelduz, Aberdeen, S. D	July 14, 1904
94	Crescent, Trenton, N. J	July 14, 1904
95	Khartum, Winnipeg, Can	Nov. 19, 1904
96	Al Amin, Little Rock, Ark	Dec. 19, 1904
97	Bektash, Concord, N. H	Jan. 25, 1905
98	Aad, Duluth, Minn	Sept. 5, 1905
99	El Hasa, Ashland, Ky	March 3, 1906
100	Elf Khurafeh, Saginaw, Mich	June 13, 1906
101	Kalif, Sheridan, Wyo	June 13, 1906
102	Anezeh, Mexico City	Dec. 1, 1906
103	Kerak, Reno, Nev	Dec. 10, 1906
104	Omar, Charleston, S. C	Dec. 25, 1906
105	El Maida, El Paso, Tex	May 8, 1907
106	Abu Bekr, Sioux City, Ia	May 8, 1907
107	Calam, Lewiston, Idaho	May 8, 1907
108	Al Azhar, Calgary, Man	Sept. 27, 1907
109	Mocha, London, Can	Jan. 1, 1908
110	Oleika, Lexington, Ky	Jan. 1, 1908
111	Nile, Seattle, Wash	July 15, 1908
112	Rizpah, Madisonville, Ky	July 15, 1908
113	Hillah, Ashland, Ore	July 15, 1908
114	Orak, Hammond, Ind	April 27, 1909
115	Hadi, Evanston, Ind	April 21, 1909
116	Mizpah, Fort Wayne, Ind	April 27, 1909
117	Kem, Grand Forks, N. D	June 9, 1909
118	Khedive, Norfolk, Va	June 9, 1909
119	Mirza, Pittsburgh, Kan	June 9, 1909
120	Zorah, Terre Haute, Ind	June 9, 1909
121	Midian, Wichita, Kan	June 9, 1909
122	Aahmes, Oakland, Cal	April 13, 1910
123	Al Sihah, Macon, Ga	April 13, 1910
124	Wa-Wa, Regina, Can	Dec. 1, 1910
125	Bagdad, Butte, Mont	Jan. 20, 1911
126	Akdar, Tulsa, Okla	July 12, 1911
127	Azhar, Halifax, N. S	July 12, 1911
128	Bedouin, Muskogee, Okla	July 12, 1911
129	Wahabi, Jackson, Miss	July 12, 1911

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